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PM rejects make-believe peace'

By MICHAL YUDELMAN and JON IMMANUEL

As US envoy Dennis Ross left the region on Friday. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu indicated that a peaceful Land Day today will be the first test of Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat's promise to fight violence and serrorism.

Netanyahu stressed that Arafat's promises to Ross to fight against terrorism "can only be tested over time, and will be proved in the coming days. weeks, and months. This is a test of the entire peace process, because Israel, its citizens and government, will not continue a

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asked to take steps in exchange for Arafat's commitment and there is no linkage between it and any measures on Israel's part, such as refraining from taking unilateral actions.

Ross met privately with Netanyahu for two lengthy sessions on Thursday night and Friday afternoon before departing. He also met with Netanyahu together with Foreign Minister David Levy and Defense Minister Yitzhak Mondechai.

Netanyahu and the ministers told Ross that Israel demands the immediate cessation of violence by the Palestinians, as well as more thorough action against Hamas and Islamic Jihad. They



Jerusalem with PM Binyamin Netanyahu.

make-believe peace process in which are cases are bombed in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, or any other. place."

Jerusalem sources expressed concern that the Americans may be satisfied with a few steps against terrorism on Arafat's part, and then start exerting pressure on Israel, Netanyahu made it clear that Israel has not been

demanded the Palestinian Authority arrest terrorists, destroy terrorist infrastructure, and order its security services to cooperate with their Israeli coun-

After his second meeting with Netanyahu, Ross said, "It is essential to reestablish the calm.

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IDF, PA probe riot death

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN, JON IMMANUEL and MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

The 1DF and Palestinian Police are investigating the death yesterday of a Palestinian engineering student killed while IDF soldiers dispersed a stonethrowing mob assaulting the Arak Checkpoint near Ramallah.

The death has escalated ten-

Worshipers evacuated from Western Wall, Page 3

sions between Israel and the Palestinians. Palestinian Authority Finance Minister Mohammed Nashashibi described it as "a declaration of war," Reuters reported.

The student, Abdullah Salah. 20, was the the first fatality in clashes between IDF troops and Palestinians since students began rioting 10 days ago to protest against the construction at Har Homa

According to the IDF, violent riots erupted at the southern entrance to Ramallah and soldiers used tear gas and rubber bullets to disperse the crowd. One officer was hospitalized with moderate to light wounds, the army said.

Later, Abdullah, a resident of Beit Sahur who studied at Bir Zeit University, was brought to a hospital with a gaping chest would, reportedly caused by a live bullet. Hospital officials said he had been shot in the

Another Palestinian was critically wounded by IDF gunfire, AP quoted a Palestinian hospital official as saying.

Abdullah's death came despite

strict open-fire instructions to IDF soldiers only to shoot live rounds when their lives were endangered. Military sources said an ini-

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A Palestinian picks up a tear gas shell shot at rioters at the Arak checkpoint near Ramallah yesterday.

tial investigation into the incident showed that troops used only non-lethal weapons to respond. A joint inquiry into the death is being carried our by the IDF and Palestinian

The army said the clashes occurred outside of the Palesinian-controlled Area A and said its troops "reacted with restraint toward rioters who endangered the lives of the 1DF soldiers and border police-

Also yesterday, the army elamped a curfew on the Kalandia refugee camp near Ramallah after riots crupted there. Two border policemen were lightly wounded by stones. In Bethlehem, students threw

stones and firebombs, and burned an effigy of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyabu. Five Palestinians were reportedly wounded by rubber bullets before the demonstrators were dispersed by the Palestinian

Abdullah was buried in a funeral attended by about 5,000 mourners last night near Omar Mosque in Beit Sahur, a largely

IDF and police on high alert for Land Day

Christian town that has been the focus of recent protests against Har Homa, which is on its outskirts.

Some attending the funeral sbouted slogans against the peace process, "People feel the peace process is going to bell," said Dr. Nabil Kukali. Relatives said that Abdullah

had phoned and told them he would not participate in any demonstrations and may have been on his way bome wheo he was shot near the checkpoint. In Hebroo, Palestinians rioted

for several hours, throwing

rocks and firebombs at IDF soldiers on Friday. According to Hebron settlers, the riotiog started mid-morning in Kikar Hashoter, the casba, Sbalala Road, and Tel Rumeida. The settlers claimed that the

Palestioian Police did nothing to intervene and at one point. Abbas Zaki, a senior Fatah official, was leading the rioters.

In the early afternoon, a Kiryat Arba woman was lightly wounded when her front windshield was smashed by stones thrown near the El Aroub

Canadian-Jewish

lewish organizations are at each others' throats over a plan to set up a telephone "Nazi snitch line." The new plan, unveiled last week by the Canadian Jewish Congress, proposes that some Nazi war criminals or collaborators be granted immunity or other legal deals to entice. them to turn on their comrades, and spur the Canadian government to quicken its pace of prosecutions.

But critics of the plan - B'nai B'rith and the Simon Wiesenthal Center among them - charge the congress is making deals with Nazis, eveo proposing to defend them should their evidence implicate a big catch.

The confidential telephone line will be monitored by congress officials and by New York private investigator Steve Rambam, whose Canadian exploits created a huge splash across the country earlier

Posing as an academic from a fictitions university and armed with little more than a telephone book and existing lists. Rambam says he found 161 alleged Nazi criminals living in Canada and obtained secretly taped confessions from several. His findings confirmed for many in Canada's lewish community that the nation has been a haven for Nazi



and other war criminals. Rambam called the telephone with several members of

"If you are a war criminal, this is your last chance," he said. "If you don't come forward and cooperate with us, we may very well end up building a case against you with another cooperative witness."

David Matas, a lawyer for B'nai B'rith Canada, called the idea

Irving Abella, who chairs the congress's war crimes committee, defended the telephone hot line as a "nied and true method" that's been used successfully by the US Office

of Special Investigations.

But, it will be "largely symbolic. We don't expect a large number of people to phone. This is our attempt to get the government to emulate a successful technique. We have to try something when after denaturalization [of suspected Nazi

war criminals.] Abella said the congress has no power to ask for immunity or legal deals for informants. He said any information gleaned from calls would simply be passed to the

anyone come forward with incrimjustice minister to try and strike a

Netanyahu calls for Israeli Arab restraint By ARREH O'SULLIYAN and Him

The 1DF and police are bracing for widespread protests and are on high alert to prevent vio-lent clashes as Israeli Arabs and pass quietly. "We have to ensure law and order under all circumstances," he said.

Palestinians mark Land Day We prefer to avoid declarations and keep as low a profile Prime Minister Binyamin as possible, while at the same Netanyabu ealled on Israeli Arabs to maintain calm and act within the law. "You are loyal time not be surprised and be prepared for any eventuality," the police spokesman for the northcitizens of Israel, and you will behave accordingly," Netanyahu em region said last night.

The main rally by Israeli Arabs will be held in the Galilee vil-Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav, who is responsible for lage of Sakhnin, which lost five the Arab sector, also urged Arab of its residents lu the rioting that leaders to do their utmost to

years ago to protest government confiscation of Arab land. Police will close sections of the oearby Misgav road from 8 a.m. to 5

p.m. today. Rallies and processions will also take place in various other villages, including Kfar Kana, which also lost a resident in the 1976 clasbes.

In Shfaram, the Forum of Arab Couocil Heads will operate a situation room, monitoring reports oo events throughout the day. Council leaders have called oo broke out in the Karmiel area 21 Israeli Arabs not to break the

law. But they criticized media reports of the possibility of violent disturbances, noting that leaslets had been distributed throughout the Arab community calling for restraint.

The IDF is also boosting its forces in the West Bank as Palestioians mark Land Day. Tensioos over the past weeks are expected to peak today and the army has deployed hundreds of reinforcements to potential

The army has said it will allow

protests, but not violence. Palestinian Police are expected to quell rioting first and if they fail, then the IDF will take action.

The army has also made it clear that it will react vigorously to any live fire attacks on its troops and has positioned snipers at key spots. It has also moved tanks behind potential confrontation areas to serve as a

groups clash over 'Nazi snitch line'

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO - Canada's major line "1-800-rat-on-a-Nazi," following his meeting in Ottawa last week Parliament.

> "morally repugnant" and "twisted," saying that the congress is "contemplating standing up for war

50 years, all the government has to show is one deportation and one

Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

But Rambam said that should inating evidence, "we will go on their behalf to the RCMP and to the

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Kibbutz Maly

A national unity government is not a practical option right now," Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said last night, as he was addressing Lakud activists io

He did, however, not rule out the formation of national unity government in the future.

The prime minister told his audience that he had invited Labor to join his government several times since the election. I told them they could coter the government on the hasis of the existing coalition guidelioes. Labor was the side that declined."

Netanyahu refused to answer Affair but said that he is waiting for the results of the investigation and that he expects that "at the end, the press will have a good deal to answer for."

Despite the fact that the

Knesset begins its spring recess this week and will be out until May 19, talk of broadening the coalition is not expected to die out during the coming weeks, but may even intensify as June 3, the date Labor is to elect a new chairman to replace MK Shimon Pères, gets closer.

The consensus in Labor is that Peres with make every possible effort to get his party into the Netanyahu government before then, so that he can coter the cahiner as the senior Labor representative and thereby cement his leadership. However, all in the political arena agree that no move can be made until after the Bar-On Affair is concluded.

A top Labor source said last questions about the Bar-On, night that Peres would not have gone so far out on a limb in his risky advocacy of national unity had he not had some assenting nod from Netanyahu's direction, even if it fell far short of a formal invitation.

Eisenberg remembered

international business entrepreneur, Shoul Eisenberg's career, from indigent refugee youth in Shanghai to global business empire, was of leg-endary proportions and achieve-

His memories of the Shanghai, to which he and members of his family fled from Europe on the eve of World War II, could only have been equivocal; yet his frequent visits to that city evoked in him rich and warm memories of the Jewish community and synagogues, side by side with his pride in the Pilkington glass factory, of which he was a founding investor, and in the numer-

ous other major industrial enterprises which he initiated in that city, as throughout China. China was surely the acme of his international industrial and business activities. After accumulating entrepreneurial experience and honing his business acumen on a global scale, from Japan and Korea across

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was itself a spectacular business event in Tel Aviv at the time. He blought to Isfael great? wealth and outstanding experience, committing himself and his family to Israel's future, which was always his major concern.

Shoul Eizenberg (David Rubinger)

opening to the outside world and the allay that threat. Above all, his pride in his family

living in Israel and his grandchildren serving in the IDF characterized Shoul Eisenberg, the man and



A policeman helps a worshiper away from the Western Wall on Friday, after Moslem worshipers

Jewish worshipers evacuated from the Wall

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER :

Jewish worshipers were evacuated from in front of the Western Wall for about 10 minutes on Friday, after dozens of Arabs threw stones at policemen guarding the Mugrabi Gate entrance to the Temple Mount. The incident took place shortly

He viewed the critical threat to Israel as devel-oping in the Persian after 25,000 Arabs attended noontime prayer services at Al-Aksa Gulf, and his sincere hope was that his contribution to Israel-China

A half-dozen policemen were hit by the rocks, but none was injured. Wakf guards helped to disperse the

The Jewish worshipers were temporarily evacuated as a safety precaution, but they were never in any danPolice continue to be on full alert but no injuries.

for Land Day today, but a source said police were not expecting much trouble in Jerusalem itself, though they are concerned about man injured. the demonstrations slated to take place in other areas.

Last night two passengers on the No. 25 bus between French Hill and Neveh Ya'acov were lightly wounded by broken glass when the bus was stoned. The hus driver took the wounded to a nearby Magen David Adom station.

Another No. 25 hus was stoned last night at its last stop in Neveh Ya'acov, but no one was hurt.

On the Ma'aleh Adumim road northeast of Jerusalem, a firebomb was thrown at a car causing damage region.

Police could not confirm reports that a No. 2 bus that had left the Western Wall area was stoned and a

On Friday, Palestinian youths hurned tires in Shuafat and Sur

In his Friday sermon at the Al-Aksa Mosque, the Jerusalem mufti said there can be no peace as long as there is a pact between Israel and the US. and until Israel ceases its construction on Har Homa.

The mufti also said that since the United States twice vetoed recent UN Security Council resolutions condemning Israel, there was no point in sending US envoy Dennis Ross to the

youngsters frolieked alop the frozeo hill. Passersby stopped and smiled, happy to see that the

most dangerous weapons beiog wielded in the area this week

were snowhalls.

NEWS

in brief

Elderly man killed in multiple crash

A 78-year-old Ramai Gan man was killed in a chain collision on Rehov Aluf Sadeh io Givatavim on Friday. Police say his car crashed into three cars stopped at a traffic light. In other accidents over the weekend, three people were seriously injured when a train crashed into a car at a railway crossing in Lod. Eight people were lightly injured in a collision between two cars at the Ashdod-Ashkelon junction.

Meretz railies to keep mall open on Shabbat

Some 100 Meretz Party activists demonstrated yesterday at the site of the soon-to-be-opened Ramat Aviv Mall, to protest against the intentions of owners Africa Israel to close the premises on Shabbat. Several dozen protesters wore black veils and carried placards reading: "This is not Teheran," "Saturday is

Meretz leader MK Yossi Sarid told the rally, "The struggle for the mall is one point in the greater struggle against religious coercion. We'll win in Ramai Aviv just as we won at Bar-Ilan [street] and will win the banle for the Conversion Law."

Three boys hurt by homemade bomb

Three 10-year-old Rosh Pina hoys were injured yesterday, one seriously, when an explosive device they made blew up in their faces. Police said the bomh - made of 20mm, anti-aircraft shells and match heads - exploded prematurely when the boys relit the fuse after it had gone out. The explosion on a local tennis court panicked residents, many of them thought it was a terrorist attack. The seriously injured boy was taken to Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer, his two frieods were admined to Sieff Hospital in Safed in satisfactory condition. Police said they had the

names of other boys who collected discarded IDF ordnance. Itim

Islamic-Christian conference blasts Israel

Jerusalem.

Israeli construction at Har Homa was the main point of contention in the two-day discussions. Khalil Tufakji, a building expert from the Society of Arab Studies, said when the project is completed, eastern Jerusalem will be isolated from the rest of the West Bank.

Hamid Ahmed Rifai, associate secretary of the Moslem World Congress, warned that Israel was losing a golden opportunity for peace by insisting on changing the demography of Jerusalem, "claiming the city as its eternal political and religious capital and intending to rebuild the Temple on the site of

The Vatican's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Monsignor Jean-Louis Tauran, received the eonference delegates, who included politicians, academics, and religious leaders from the Vatican, Arab couotries and Jerusalem. Messages of support were read from a oumber of Arab leaders. including the kings of Morocco, Jordan and Saudi Arabia, Libya's Muammar Gaddafi and Palestinian Authority Chairman

By LISA PALMIERI-BILLIG

ROME - An Islamic-Christian conference on Jerusalem held at Rome's Grand Mosque - the largest in Europe - concluded yesterday with an appeal by delegates against the "Judaizatioo" of

Al-Aksa Mosque."

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Tel Aviv one week after the bomber struck

By ALLISON KAPLAN SOMMER

As they gathered in cafes and restaurants Friday and yesterday, Tel Aviv residents demonstrated that it would take more than rumors of a repeat terrorist attack to keep them indoors on a sunny weekend.

While the city's numerous eat-ing and drinking establishments may oot have been as packed with revelers as usual, they were far from empty. Even those with extensive outdoor seating, potentially vulnerable to attacks like the one on the Apropo Cafe, did not find themselves devoid of clientele.

At Apropo, where three cus-tomers lost their lives in the suicide hombing a week earlier, it was difficult for the staff to treat Friday as a routioe workday. Shift manager Erez Agmoo noted that many of the establishment's regushow support.

ehose our cafe because they fig-ured the terrorists wouldn't hit

"Ooe thing has definitely changed here. Many more people are looking around, the way they and asked them to please check them out." For those who had decided to sit at Apropo on Friday afternoon, it was difficult to relax

lar customers were missing this weekend, though other people came to the cafe especially to

Some people told me that they the same place two weeks in a

would oo a bus, checking out the people around them. A few told members of the staff that one person or another looked suspicious,

banners condemning terror and calling for an end to negotiaoons with Arafat and the Palestinian Authority.

Monitoring the protesters, and keeping a watchful eye on the cafe itself, were numerous policemen. Throughout the day, various local and international journalists on in the cafe a week after the

And if that wasn't enough to ensure a circus aimosphere, someone chose to unload a large pile of snow in the middle of Beo-Gurion Boulevard, just opposite the cafe. The snow was a gift to the people of Tel Aviv from Moshav Neveh Ativ, which runs the Mt. Hermon ski site.

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Canadian court reveals Hizbullah network

OTTAWA - The arrest here of a Saudi dissident allegedly linked to a terrorist bombing in Saudi Arabia that killed 19 US servicemen threw a spotlight this weekend on what Canadian authorities call a supportive "infrastructure" in Canada for Hizbullah.

While it is little remarked upon in Canada, authorities have known for years of fund raising and other activities that go on here in support of Moslem radicals and other violent groups, anti-terrorism experts said. The extent of the support network remains a matter of disagreement, because few details of these operations leak out of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, or CSIS.

"What is surmised is that in the past Canada has been used by some of these groups as a safe house. The premise is that there are no attacks on Canadians or Canadian assets because it's valuable (10 terrorists) because of its proximity to the United States. But where's the evidence? Nobody knows but CSIS," said Janice Stein, who holds a chair in conflict management at the University of Toronto.

In a summary of evidence released Friday in support of government efforts to deport Hani Abdel Rahim Hussein al-Sayegh, accused of being a key participant in the June 1996 truck

"Hizbullah has established an infrastructure in Canada that can assist and support terrorists seeking a safe haven in North America. Hizbullah members in Canada receive and comply with direction from the Hizbullah lead-ership hierarchy in Lebanon." CSIS spokesman Gaetan Blais said terrorist support

would include logistic assistance, fund raising. provision of safe houses and arms, smuggling people in and out of the United States, and providing a place for planning attacks abroad. He declined to elaborate further.

Additional documents released here in the Sayegh case provide few new details on Hizballah operations in Canada, but they do describe Sayeeh's extensive anti-government activities in Saudi Arabia.

The court records also suggest that immigration officials were suspicious of Sayegh from the day of his arrival in Canada last August. His passport was seized at the Ottawa airport after an immigration officer judged it a forgery.

Canadian court documents accuse Sayegh of scouting the bombing site, a military housing complex, before the attack and of giving the go-ahead for delivery of the truck bomb by flashing his headlights.

Joyce Yedid, Sayegh's Montreal lawyer, said bombing. Canadian authorities reported that there is no hard evidence of Sayegh's alleged

crimes in the documents released so far, which include more than 500 pages, mainly copies of newspaper and magazine articles, on Friday. "We'd like to get more information. At this point, it's nothing," she said.

The court file identifies Sayegb as a mem-

ber of Saudi Hizbullah and says that the organization has links with Hizbullah in Lebanon. The Lebanese organization is closely allied with Iran.

Proof of Iranian involvement in the bombing could prompt a retaliatory strike by the United States, but a senior US official said the administration still does not have conclusive evidence of that.

Canada's generous immigration law, particularly toward those claiming refugee status, makes it easier for terrorism suspects to move in and out of this country undetected than in most other Western nations. A country of 30 million. Canada admits up to 215,000 immigrants annually.

In recent years, the government has been embarrassed by revelations that suspected Nazi collaborators, accused war criminals from Somalia and Rwanda, and gang members from the Caribbean made it past immigration authorities and in many cases were able to resist



Act of faith

Victor Caparas grimaces yesterday after a nail is driven through his palm in the village of Cutud in the Pampanga province of Manila, the Philippines, during a reenactment of the crucifixion of Jesus. Twelve people were nailed up on crosses in Cutud as part of the Good Friday celebrations.

Police quiz O.J. over items

Suicide cult death details emerge

By SCOTT LINDLAW

SAN DIEGO (AP) - The Heaven's Gate suicide cult not only shunned sex, but some males in the group, including the aging leader, had been castrated in apparent pursuit of their ideal of androgynous immortality, the medical examiner has revealed.

Dr. Brian Blackbourne said castrations healed incisions indicated the surgeries were done long before the 39 men and women methodically killed themselves in the belief that they would take a spaceship ride in a UFO trailing the Hale-Bopp comet.

Also, toxicology results showed at least two of the victims took a less than lethal concoction of bar- inflicted," he said.

biturates and booze, meaning that they may have been suffocated with plastic bags placed over their heads, he said.

The test results were available on only five of the cult members. and of those only three had lethal levels of phenobarbital and alcohol in their systems, Blackbourne

Officials also released the names of the 30 dead whose relatives have been notified. Causes of death have not been officially determined for any of them, Blackbourne said.

But Sheriff's Lt. Jerry Lipscomb said there was no suspicion of anything but suicide. "Overdose and snffocation, self

that would suggest anything but," The cult members - 21 women and 18 men - apparently

sedated themselves in groups put bags over their beads and died peacefully. Their bodies were arranged in ritual fashion, arms at their sides, face and cbest draped in diamond-shaped purple shrouds. Cult members had told acquain-

"Nothing in this investigation

tances that leader Marshall H. Applewhite, 66, preached celibacy, apparently as a means of denying the body as a disposable "container." Both male and female members affected a unisex look: buzz-cut hair and sbapeless black shirts with Mandarin collars. People who

had contact with the members said they referred to themselves as monks.

"Some of the men have been castrated. Not all but some,' Blackbourne said.

In the house, investigators discovered pictures of an idealized, dome-headed alien that the group's writings suggest they believed represents a higher plane of existence they could attain through suicide.

Families of all but nine of the dead have been notified, Blackbourne said.

Nichelle Nichols, an actress who played Lt. Uhura on the original Star Trek, disclosed that she lost her brother. Thomas Nichols.

60 feared dead in Albania capsize

Rescuers searched yesterday for that any others aboard the capsurvivors of a shipwrecked boat sized vessel would survive. packed with Albanians seeking to come to Ital . The vessel collided with an Italian warship, and at least four bodies were recovered But it appeared possible the death toll could be much higher, with RAI state radio saying it could be up to 60.

The Defense Ministry said 34 Albanians were rescued.

Some of the survivors, who reached this southern port shortly before dawn, spoke of anywhere from 70 to 150 people aboard the capsized Albanian coast guard patrol boat.

Italian coast guard, navy and police officials all declined to say how many people were feared missing. But they said the search was continuing in the rough seas. of the Adriatic.

The Defense Ministry contradicted earlier reports by local officials that two of the dead were children, saying there were three women and a man.

Hopes faded as night wore on

gave estimates between 45 and 70

people, The Defense Ministry statement said 30 people were on

UN votes for Albania aid

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - The Security Council has agreed to send a multinational force to Albania for at least three months to protect aid deliveries and help the country deal with the aftereffects of a nationwide upbeaval.

The vote Friday night was 14-0, with China abstaining. The resolution was rustied through at the urging of the Italians, who insisted members meet Good Friday, designated a UN holiday. Italian Ambassador Francesco Paolo Fulci said Albania was down to only six or seven days of food supplies, "so there's not

one moment to lose." The resolution, presented by Italy and requested by the Albanian government, did not specify the number of troops for the operation. But Italian diplomats said they expect about 2,500 troops in the initial phase, with double that number once the sitnation stabilizes.

Officials earlier were unclear about the total number of passengers. Port and police authorities reached Italian shores during the

the boat's deck. More than 13,000 people have

weeks of chaos in Albania, many on rusted hulks packed beyond capacity. Italian warships have been

ing to discourage the flight of peoplc by turning back boats...

The vessel, an Albanian coast guard patrol boat, went down 45 miles off of the Italian coast. Four hours later, it was unlikely

any survivors would be found, said Col. Guido Capra of the tax police in Taranto. The force has naval units involved in the rescue. "Because of the rough seas it

will be very difficult to find them," he said. "But we will continue to search throughout the night." According to the Defense Ministry, the Italian navy saw the vessel at 5:15 p.m. It refused signals by the warship Zeffiro to stop, "carrying . out . various .. evasive maneuvers and continuing to head toward Italy."

The corvette Sibilla then took over surveillance and slowly approached to again try to stop the boat's progress. "In the course of this maneuver, the patrol boat carried out a sharp turn to the right, coming to intersect the path of the Sibilla," the Defense Ministry said.

The Italian ship stopped and threw its motors in reverse, "but it could not avoid the collision that caused the overturning of the Albanian vessel," it said.

missing from his home

other items from O.J. Simpson's home this weekend, only to find the most expensive items missing. A judge last week ordered Simpson to turn over the possessions to satisfy part of a \$33.5 million

Police said Simpson's Heisman Trophy, awarded annually to the best college football player in the naoon, and other valuables were not in Simpson's

home when they arrived with a moving van. When asked where the missing articles were, police said Simpson told them he did not know.

Acivil jury in February found Simpson liable for the deaths of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ronald Goldman, It awarded \$33.5 million in

LOS ANGELES (Reuter) - Sheriff's deputies began damages to the estate of Brown and Goldman's par-

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Earlier, police said they had permission to remove possessions from Simpson's posh estate in Brentwood, including football memorabilia such asthe Heisman Trophy, a Buffaio Bills helmet, four football jerseys, and 10 commemorative footballs.

They were also taking a number of art works in the likeness of Simpson, including an Andy Warhol silkscreen entitled O.J. Simpson, a metal sculpture of the former football star and a large photograph.
However, when they finished going through the

estate on Friday, the trophy, the Warhol silkscreen and a number of other items were not there. Also missing was a a 1996 Chevrolet Suburban. Simpson has a week to produce the items.

Ciller vows to rein in Turkish Islamization

'ANKARA (AP) - Deputy Prime Minister Tansu Ciller assured the public Friday that military directives to keep Turkey secular would be implemented following signs that the Islamic wing of the coalition would resist them. Ciller made her statement after

an unscheduled meeting with Islamicist Prime Minister Necmettin Erbakan Friday. The meeting followed talks earlier with Gen. Ismail Hakki Karadayi, chief of military staff.

The National Security Council, which includes five top generals, served notice to Erbakan to implement the directives last month. They include closing down religious secondary schools, and restrictions on radical Islamic publications and broadcasts.

Jordan PM slams Albright's 'hard line' on Iraq

AMMAN (Reuter) - Jordan's new Prime Minister Abdul-Salam al-Majali has accused US
Secretary of State Madeleine
Albright of meddling in Iraqi
affairs by suggesting her country
could only do business with a
post-Saddam Iraq.
Majali told the international
Arabic newspaper Al-Hange in an

Arabic newspaper Al-Hayat in and interview published yesterdays that Albright's comments were likely to backfire and strengthen support for Iraqi President Saddam Hussein

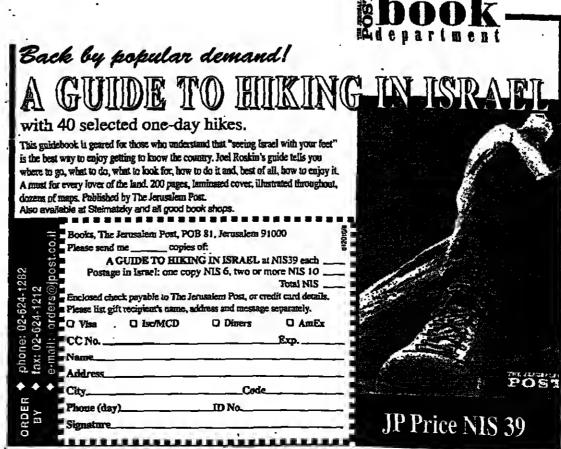
Majali, who took over as prime. minister two weeks ago from Abdul-Karim al-Kabariti and enjoys better ties with Baghdad than bis predecessor, spoke just days before King Hussein was due to meet US President Bill Clinton for telle on the Middle Fort

for talks on the Middle East. He was reacting to a speech by Albright in which she said. Saddam's aims would never be peaceful. Iraq's UN oil-for-food deal might be ended after six months, and Washington could open a dialogue with Iraq as soon as Saddam were replaced

There is no doubt the style Albright used was hardline." Majali said. "We in Jordan consider it unacceptable for a country, however big or small, to interfere in the internal matters of

another country."
"We are wholeheartedly with the Iraqi people, and it is the people who should choose their leader."







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By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

ebrew is commonly heard in the august halls and labs of the US National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Maryland, In fact, there are more foreign researchers from Israel than from any other country except Japan, says NCI director Dr. Richard Klausner. "It's not much of an exaggeration to say that nearly every Israeli oncology researcher has been through the NCI, says Klausner, who was here recently to receive the 1997 Rabbi Shai Shacknai Memorial Prize in Immunology and Cancer Research from the Hebrew University-Hadassah

Medical School's Lauteoberg Center for General and Tumor Immunology. The 46-year-old physician, who was born in Mr. Vernon, New York, altended Sunday school as a child and knows budget (a big cbunk of the NIH's yearly \$12 billion in federal funds) and its

some Hebrew, feels at home in Israel for another reason as well: he has numerous relatives here, inel author Amos Oz (born Amos Klau who is a third cousio. He has brought his family: his psychiatri-

and their two sons, aged 14 and s The outstanding cancer rese visits here quite often, as he is t representative to the Middle Cancer Consortion, which aims mote the clinical and research against the disease in this part world. He says he was hono receive the \$5,000 Shacknai which was established by New

Marchir

By JUDY STEGEL-ITZKOVICH his Thursday, starting at 1.30 bundreds of women (and some men) will march from Jerusalem's Liberty Bell Garden to Safra Square. The event is not a political protest of the left or right, nor is it a union rally demanding higher wages. They merely want the public in general, and women in particular, to be more aware of breast cancer and to know how to detect it

early - and to call on the medical establishment to do more towards

The Fight Against Breast Cancer Walk-a-thon will be sponsored by Hadassah-Israel with help from the Israel Cancer Organization and sev-eral other women's health groups,

and held under the patronage of the Jerusalem Municipality's Council for the Advancement of Women. At the end of the march, Riki Gal will entertain in a special "donated per-

formance" with Nixa Rabinovitz as

Breast cancer and how to reduce women's odds of succumbing to it

have become a major issue in the US over the past decade. In the early

Nineties, a women's organization

initiated a campaign, using a pink ribbon crossed under the neck as a

symbol of the cause. Since then,

pink enamel pins have served as a reminder, and Hadassah-Israel will

be selling them at the march to

increase awareness of the issue and

to help cover march organizing

expenses. This event won't be a

fundraiser," says Hadassah-Israel

national president - and powerhouse

- Hinda Gross. "There will be enter-

tainment, films, T-shirts and educa-

rional material. Many people have

donated their services, and we can

use all the help we can get," she

comes to breast-cancer awareness,

even though the risk is as high here

(the lifetime risk is one in nine

women) as among American women

or even higher (as 5% to 10% of breast cancers are inherited by the

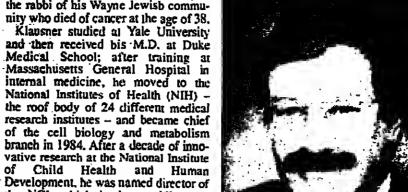
BRCA1 or BRCA2 gene, which is

relatively common among Jewish women of Ashkenazi origin).

Israel is far behind the US when it

master of ceremonies.

this end.



the NCI, which is the world's most

powerful position in cancer research,

education, prevention and management

roday, thanks to its \$2.4 hillion annual

army of 3,000 researchers. Since taking

Dr. Richard Klausner

activists have significant influence on how medical research funds will be spent, they support the cause of cancer research as well. "Many advances in AIDS care originated in NCI research. We spend \$250 million annually in AIDS research, and nearly a third of all AIDS patients will develop some kind of cancer related to their disease. Therefore, research on one disease does not come at the expense of the other."

Cancer, he says, is really an inappro-priate term. "It should be cancers, in the plural. Each type of cancer affecting each tissue or organ is a different disease: in fact, breast eancer in one woman, for example, can turn out very differently than in another woman, even if it was diagnosed at the same stage." Cancers can be defined as "misbehavior" by the cell. The cause can he heredvironmental.

as pleased a few months announcement that the w cancer cases in the US ased - for the first time in were a number of reag the decline in smoking of the population, comercent three decades ago. addictive as cocaine and or the development of eaneers. Lowering the lone cuts the incidence of ition, we have improved of cancer, at a stage to treat, and little by lit-

However, Klausner adds, "in the next few years we will see a fundamental change, in which treatment of a certain type of cancer will be appropriate to the disease itself. This will be similar to treating specific infectious with antihiotics meant specifically for the bacteria involved." This will be advanced by the Cancer Genome Analysis Project, an offshoot of the Human Genome Project analyzing all homan genes.

The cancer gene project, to be carried out at the eost of some \$20 million annually over the next three to five years, will map and identify all genes involved in cancers. Announced by the NCI two months ago, the project will look at every cancer gene and its normal counterpart and examine the difference between the altered and non-altered gene. "We will ask people around the world to contribute to a governmeot data base. Whatever is discovered will be released freely via the Internet, which has greatly contributed in recent years to the immediate dissemination of scientifie data. After isolating single cancer cells and mapping all its genes, we'll be able to arrange them on a glass slide or eveo on silicon chips - which will be DNA chips, rather than the electronie chips found in a computer.

Klausner, a very open, enthusiastic researcher who knows bow to explain science to general audiences in layman's terms, notes: "For 100 years,

we've been diagnosing cancers by looking under the microscope. From now on, we'll be doing so by analyzing a patient's genes. And instead of trialand-error treatment, we'll be able to better suit the therapy to the disease."

He believes there's a bright future for scientific research in the US. "Our budget has actually been increased during the past two years by 13 percent, and the US Congress hopes to double our budget in five years. There is no talk of privatizing the NCl, even though most public hospitals are going that way. No one else can stop cancer. The government must take the lead and direct the private partners involved in research."

Regarding the sheep-cloning achievement at a private lab in Scotland that excited and shook the world a few weeks ago, Klausner says be is well familiar with Dr. lan Wilmut, who headed the eloning team. "Ironically, lan was at the NIH five months ago, before anyone knew about his success at cloning Dolly. We were afraid that nobody would come to the lecture, so we allocated a small room and he had a small audience. When he came here after publication of the news, we gave him the largest auditorium in the place, with 1,000 seats, and broadcast it to six overflow rooms," Klausner relates. Cloning research, being so linked to genes, will undoubtedly have implications in cancer research as well, because it involves the turning on and off of certain genes.



Cesareans constitute 15 percent of all deliveries in Israel.

(Eliabu Harati)

HEALTH SCAN

Too many cesareans

recovery time. The Ein Kerem hos-

pital diagnoses five to 10 such cases

a year, and in the whole country,

By POST HEALTH REPORTER

The number of cesarean sections can be cut nearly in half without endangering mothers or their babies, according to Dr. Haim Yaffe, director of obstetrics at Jerusalem's Bikur Holim Hospital. In recent years, cesareans constitute as many as 15 percent of all deliveries in the country, even though many of them are not required for medical

Establishing a dialogue with pregnant women and giving them personal attention is enough to increase the number of vaginal births at the expense of the abdominal operations. Delivering a baby by cesarean increases the chances that the woman's next pregnancy ends with another cesarean delivery, Yaffe

in 1995/6 at Bikur Holim, of 507 women who had a cesarean, 453 were offered the choice of a VBAC (vaginal birth after cesarean). Of these, 90 percent had a regular delivery. Of 66 women who had had two cesareans in the past, 49 had the surgery for a third delivery, and 13 had a vaginal delivery.

Due to the hospital's special effort, only 8.4 percent of the women in the hospital's obstetrics department had a cesarean delivery - a little more than half the average rate nationally. When patients are properly chosen, a vaginal birth after a previous cesarean delivery reduces complications in the mother, speeds recovery and reduces hospital costs, Yaffe insists.

CLOSING HEART'S HOLES For the first time here, Israeli surgeons have used a speedy new technique developed in North Carolina to repair one of the most difficult congenital defects possible in an infant's heart. The patient, a sixmonth old girl born to a Jerusalem couple, had a defect called "a complete atrial-ventrical canal, a ventrical septal defect, an atrial septal defect and a common atrial-ventrical valve." This, according to Hadassah-University Hospital cardiothoracic surgeon Dr. Amir Elami, means that there was a hole in the wall between the auricles and the ventricles and only a single valve between them rather than the normal two.

The technique was first presented at a conference of heart surgeons in California a few weeks ago, and so far, only 12 babies have undergone the procedure in the US. Instead of using a patch to correct the defect, the surgeons close the hole directly while simultaneously dividing the joint valve into two, without cutting

or deforming either of them. Elami says the operation drastically cut surgery time down to two-and-a-half hours and reduced the amount of time the baby had to be on a heartlung machine, thereby shortening

there are about two dozen annually. HAIR TODAY, NOT GONE TOMORROW

The drug that treats genetically caused hair loss and balding in men and women, whose generic name is minoxidil, is now available without a doctor's prescription. The Health Ministry decided recently to allow the sale of the solution, Minoxitrim (from the Trima company), Regaine (imported from Pharmacia & Upjohn) and Hairgaine (manufaccounter drugs. Minoxidil is an active ingredient in

a cardiac drug taken in pill form. Doctors noticed that the medication caused hair to grow on the heads of many patients. After it was tested as a topical solution or gel in a lower concentration (2 percent) and found to be safe, it was approved for prescription to men and then later to women. When used daily, it halts hair loss in about 80 percent of patients and causes new growth in about 40 percent of them; but when patients stop using it on their scalps, the new hair eventually drops out. The cost of the imported product is NIS 200 for 60 cubic centimeters, and about NIS 164 for the locally made products. It is not subsidized by the health funds. The US Food and Drug Administration decided a year ago to allow minoxidil's sale as tured here by Agis), as over-the- an over-the-counter drug.

Ax FOR READERS

Battling against bacteria in the kitchen

By POST HEALTH REPORTER

Thenever I wipe up in the kitchen, I wonder whether sponges and dishcloths, which are usually wet, are breeding grounds for bacteria. One can't use disposable paper tow-els every time. Are nylon-bristled brushes safer for washing dishes?
Is it safe to wipe a table with a sponge over and over? Should they be put in the microwave from time to time? Is there an alternative? R.S., Netanya.

Dr. Shoshana Weissman. microbiologist and director of Haifa's Institute for Food Microbiology and Consumer Goods, comments:

You are absolutely right. Sponges. and dishcloths can be full of bacteria, and the risk is especially high if they come into contact with raw meat, fish or poultry, which are likely to have salmonella.

What I do at home, and what I recommend, is to wash them after each use with hot water and detergent. Once a week or two, pour some chlorine bleach (economica) on them in the sink and let it be absorbed; then wash them out thoroughly. There is no problem of them being poisonous if you follow this routine. Dishwashing detergent is . not antiseptic, but it doesn't let bac-

teria thrive. Replace sponges and disheloths as often as you can. The risk of bacterial infections is the highest for babies, the elderly and people with weak immune systems.

minimal procedure.

But then, seven years later, an

entirely different cancer was discov-

ered in the same breast (it had not

metastasized from the initial tumor).

and she decided to have a mastecto-

my, including the removal of lymph

glands. Then cancer was discovered

in the other breast too, and she had

lost both of her breasts, wearing.

I find it inconvenient and uncomfortable to use nylon-bristled brushes to clean dishes, but they can be affected by bacteria as well. I don't recommend putting sponges in the microwave: although 80-degree-Centigrade heat will kill them, I'm not sure whether the heat will penetrate inside as well.

I am a 50-year-old religious woman and going into menopause. I'm reluctant to take hormone replacement therapy because it can cause periodic bleeding and thus requires me to continue going to the ritual bath once a month. I heard there is a new type of HRT drug, Kligest, that claims not to cause bleeding. Is this true? How does it avoid it? B.T., Jerusalem.

Dr. Rahel Adatto-Levy, deputy. director-general of Shaare Zedek Hospital and a senior gynecologist

One doesn't have to have periodic bleeding from hormone-replacement therapy anymore. Kligest, which has aware of this issue among religious been available for several years, pre- women; but we who take care of this vents bleeding in menopausal community are well aware of the



"Men want their women to be

As for Hadassah-Israel, the next

campaign the voluntary organization

will launch is one to reduce smok-

ing, especially in the workplace. And

since smoking causes many types of

cancers, and even has a link to breast

cancer, there is nothing more natural

for this health-oriented organization.

healthy and they care."

and estrogen that are taken in a dif-ferent order from conventional HRT pills. But any gynecologist who is asked to prevent bleeding can prescribe ordinary HRT pills and change the order in which they're taken, which will solve the problem.

Hadassah-Israel organized a

breast-cancer awareness day at the

Prime Minister's Office a while ago.

People in the office warned us that

many staffers were unlikely to want

to hear about it and undergo an

examination. And indeed, there were

few present when Dr. Tamar Peretz

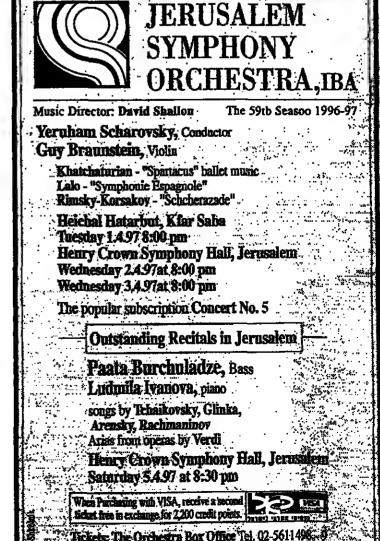
of Hadassah's Sharett Institute began

her talk. But soon, those who were

Perhaps not all gynecologists are women by including progesterone fact that some of them who are good have a period.

candidates for HRT refuse to take it because it can cause bleeding, especially during the first year or two that it's taken. After that, it's more like spotting than a regular period, but that too requires them to go to the ritual bath even though they are no longer fertile.

Some women, however, prefer the bleeding, because psychologically they feel younger by continuing to



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Albanian rescue mission

The rapid decision of the United Nations Security Council to approve some form of European intervention force for Albania may be a welcome sign that at last Europe and the UN have learned a lesson from the Bosnian war. The lesson is that if outsiders are going to be drawn into a country's internal collapse anyway, they are better off going in sooner rather than later.

The proposed multinational force will have extremely limited aims - as it should do - mainly the protection of food aid. It is not yet clear if it will be empowered to disarm the various gangs roaming the lawless country, but it certainly will have enough teeth and determination to defend itself if attacked. Perhaps the most important role of the force is a psychological one - not only for the wretched Albanians but for the European Union. For Albanians, it demonstrates that European leaders expressing concern appear to mean it and will back up the usually empty words with action. However minimal, some action is always preferable to none, providing the objectives and execution are clear and decisive.

For Europeans, the chance to take action in a crisis on their doorstep without running off crying to Washington is a long overdue development. The European Union bas been compared to a shiny and elegant Rolls Royce with the engine of a lawn-mower - the engine being EU foreign policy. This time the Americans have promised moral and political backing, but apart from that, it should be a European solution to the latest European post-Cold War problem.

Italy deserves most of the praise for getting the idea of intervening in Albania before the Security Council but of course cynics will say altruism is far from the Italian government's mind - it simply wants the anarchy of its poverly-stricken neighbor sorted out before Italy's own poor south is overwhelmed by tens of thou-

sands of penniless and semi-educated Albanian refugees. Be that as it may, good actions, as long as they are legal, can be born from less than idealistic motives, and this 2,500-strong intervention force is an excellent action.

Albania has been quieter for a couple of weeks after the turmoil that followed the collapse of government authority and massive demonstrations calling for the removal of the worse than useless president. Sali Berisha, but a new upsurge of violence over the weekend demonstrated that the UN decision comes none too soon. Outlaw gangs are establishing the rule of banditry across the country despite efforts by self-appointed rebel town councils to keep some semblance of order. With the bandits robbing their neighbors of what few possessions they still have, the task of getting international aid quickly and fairly distributed would be wellnigh impossible without the military protection provided by the impartial European force.

Any dangers faced by the force are likely to come from disorganized violence rather than direct attack. Most of the military's weapons bave been seized by the people who raided depots up and down the country but, as Italy's UN envoy Paulo Fulci, said "If you feed people they will be less nervous than on an empty stomach." The UN estimates Albania has about a week of food and medicine left, but getting the most basic supplies in should not be a problem. The real problem remains not in giving Albanians fisb, but fisbing rods.

In size and population, Albania is no bigger than Ireland. But in terms of infrastructure and development it is like an Ireland stuck in the early 19th century. Getting it to even look like a modern European country is going to take a long baul rather than a quick fix and iI is by no means certain the country or its rulers have the talenI or the stomach for that.

Cults of death

The latest mass suicide of misguided cultists may demonstrate that the task of remains well-nigh impossible. It also demon- are about as stable members of society as anyone strates that the gap between human science and could find within the limits of human frailty. human understanding appears to be widening at Apparently not. People scientific enough to track an alarming rate.

What strikes one about the beliefs of these otherwise intelligent and well-educated cultists was their near comic-book naivete. These were people who, while living at the end of the 20th century and working as designers of high-tech web sites for the Internet, believed in a religion that amounted to "Jesus as Captain Kirk on a comet" and thought it was worth dying for. This is what makes the driving force of cultism

so difficult to understand. It is easy to assume that intelligent people who study ideas and who predicting or preventing such slaughter work in high technology or advanced sciences the incoming Hale-Bopp comet were yel stupid enough to believe this perfectly natural, if spectacular, cosmic phenomenon was shepherding in an alien mother-ship just to pick up 39 New Age cuckoos from an obscure Californian house.

> It is as sad as it was tragic. And unfortunately, as the end of the Christian second millennium approaches with traditional Weslern belief systems in latters, it is probably not the last we shall bear of the suicide cults.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SMOKING IN ISRAEL

Sir, - My daughter and I recently returned from a most enjoyable visit to Israel. I was astounded and appalled however, by the amount of cigarette smoking that we saw.

I was dismayed that many of the cigarette hrands that we saw were supplied by American companies. This is sad because cigarettes are as deadly as cocaine; the ill effects just take a longer time to manifest themselves. Although the US has declared war on cocaine producers, prohibiting its importation and use in this country, it condones and encourages the use of tobacco products abroad.

The progressive debilitating effects of tobacco use affect not only the lungs, but the entire respiratory system. Tobacco toxins damage the heart and blood vessels. The morbidity and mortality of tobacco use are unbelievably devastating. Not only are the individual users affected like alcoholics - but entire fami-

In April 1996, the American Medical Association called tobacco a "ruinous and enslaving product that has brought misery, disease, anguish and death."

SOL SHAZ, M.D. Rockville, Maryland.

YEARNING FOR PEACE

Sir, - I have recently arrived from Hassan bin Talal said: "It is igno-London for a three-week visit to Jerusalem. I find it rather disturbing that my visit comes just when everyone has entered this never-ending spiral of violence, thus putting our dreams of trying to create a common ground for work and cooperation through constructive dialogue at the disposal of politicians.

Our organization, which is the first Jewish/Christian/Moslem student organization in the United Kingdom, was formed last year in an effort to bridge the gaps between the followers of the three religions of the Abrahamic tradition. Our members, who come from across the cultural, social and political spectrums of their countries, believe that dialogue between the peoples is the only way to achieve peace and

what Rabbi Shimon Bar-Yohai once said: "Peace is great, for all blessings are contained in it." stability through proper understanding of one another. As Prince Jerusalem.

ITY ENGLISH NEWS

Sir, - It is commendable that a business or organization choose to cut back on overheads, but not when the result is reduced servcie to the customer.

Why not put English subtitles on the regular Hebrew evening news? We English speakers who need local news in our native longue can read. We want Israel's news in English, but it is not necessary for it to be provided by our own team of English journalists or newsreaders. One good translator should cut costs considerably. ITV would benefit from reduced costs, and we English speakers would be better off by getting almost one hour of

rance, misunderstanding and fear

which render men apart." Mutual

understanding is especially needed

at this time when, unfortunately, all

parties lack politically competent

leaders, with the possible exception

During my visit, I shall be meet-

ing several Jewish, Christian and

Moslem leaders including

President Ezer Weizman. I sincere-

ly hope that this unnecessary and

dangerous episode of tension will

be the last, reminding everyone of

GHANEM M. NUSEIBEH

Middle East Students' Union

in the United Kingdom.

President,

of one or two across the river.

news, rather than the current 10 or JEANYNE WHITMONT SEKEL Mevasseret Zion.

THE RIGHT TO OBSERVE SHABBAT

Sir, - On behalf of the Masorti Movement, I wish to express our strong objection to the threats made against the Africa-Israel Company because of the company's decision not to open the Ramai Aviv Mall on Shabbat. It is unheard of that, in the Jewish State, a Jew wishing to observe Shabbat by keeping his business closed should be hounded and threatened with legal action and boycotts. Were such a thing to be done in any other country, all Jewish groups would protest it as the beight of antisemitism and persecution of the free exercise of

one's religion. Indeed, throughout the ages, Jews have fought for the right to observe Shabbat and have made great sacrifices, financial and otherwise, to preserve the sanctity of Shabbat. The only decrees made forcing Jews to violate Shabbaı were by Antiochus and later by the Romans. How ironic that Tel Aviv should now

join this august company.

We in the Masorti Movement have always fought against religious coercion, but we are equally strong in our stand against antireligious coercion and we urge all like-minded groups, such as Jerusalem.

Hemdat, the Center for Religious Pluralism and the Civil Liberties Association, to stand with Africa-Israel in its battle to observe Shabbat.

Jews everywhere, whether they observe Shabbat or not, should unite in defending the right of Jews all over the world and certainly in the State of Israel to observe Shabbat according to their beliefs. That is an elementary right which must be preserved.

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box. She asked a teacher if it was

OK to use it and was told "no" and

got a lecture. The teacher then told

the principal, who called the police.

As she was leaving school with

her father, she was arrested. She

was later suspended. Charlotte was

ordered to go to Family Court on

Sheila Johnson Chaney, a school

spokeswoman, said the policy was

enacted to stop violence in the schools.

Already this year, 30 students have been expelled for having weapons,

"It may seem harsh, but it's for

the greater good of the students

and to protect their interests.

Students should not have to fear

anything at school, except maybe

a bad grade when they do not do

of her lunch box and threatened some-

one with it?" Chaney asked. "Across

the country we've seen examples of

well-behaved honour students who

WHAT'S A little speeding

between Timecop and a real cop?

Actor Jean-Claude Van Damme was let off with a warning after he

was pulled over for speeding in Ponce Inlet, Florida. He was going

over." Roberts insists he wasn't

star-struck; local police typically

don't throw the hook at drivers

"I told him it would cost him an

that Roberts shouldn't have let

Van Damme off the book so easi-

ly. "He should've sent him down

to the Police Department I was

just a bit over the limit.

very disappointed."

8 mph over the 35 mph limit.

have gone over the edge.

"What if someone had taken it out

their homework," Chaney said.

the criminal charge later.

three of them at Kirk's school.

gone to work," Charlotte Kirk said,

explaining how she packed the smooth-edge knife with her leftover

ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD honor student who packed a knife in her lunch box to cut a piece of chicken was suspended and arrested on charges of bringing a weapon to school.

Mom was busy, and dad had

peas, chicken and apple. The sixth-grader from Columbia. South Carolina, said she never even took the knife out of her lunch

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



You never feel lonely in this lady's shop. She's a Beijing dealer in store mannequins whose Chinese customers don't seem to mind the distinctly Western look of the window dressings.

DOV B. LEVY

That American Jews work in the US State Department must be exciting news for The Washington Post. Two recent major stories highlighted the Jewish background of Dennis Ross, Martin Indyk, Aaron Miller, Stuart Eizenstat, and others holding important positions at

"This is offensive as hell," commented the American writer Larry Rothstein. Twelve Episcopalians or Catholics in all the top jobs would not rate a second thought, let alone a story."

Still, I savored the stories because it showed the change since I started my US work career in 1962, when the State Department (and the CIA and FBI) was virtually closed to Jews.

The Washington Post got it right when it said: "[Ross, et al.] have broken the decades-long Arabist lock on Middle East policy, and punctured the State Department's conventional wisdom that one cannot be a committed Jew and a trusted broker."

I joined the Anti-Defamation League as assistant director in Michigan. Like many US Jews who chose to work in civil rights, I learned that job discrimination against Jews was rampant in the private sector too.

The ADL had just finished a study showing that only 231 Jews: were employed in the big three. auto companies, out of an administrative and technical staff of tens of thousands.

The auto company heads, when confronted, sang the old refrain: Jews don't want to work in large organizations with the constraints of bureaucratic life; they want to be lawyers, doctors and small businessmen. (Never mind that tens of thousands were school teachers, social workers; nurses, and worked in large organizations where they bad opportunity and a reasonably fair. chance.)

Those US Jews who refused to take. exclusion for an answer paved the way for others

Now 35 years later, Jewish names are sprinkled though the rate giants, as well as the State: Department.

HOW and why? Following World War II the US enjoyed an unprecedented expansion which has continued, for the most part, until today.

Giant organizations emerged in almost all sectors: technology. aerospace, manufacturing, retailmg. The sheer size and bottomline demand for profit pushed organizations - some faster, some slower - toward meritocracy rather than organized discrimination against Jews.

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The incredible population movement west and south from the traditional New York and East Coast habitats of Jews opened job opportunities and made identification of Jews by geography less

likely. You bad Jews whose names were anglicized by immigration authorities between 1880 and 1920, and Jews who thought it prudent to change or shorten their names before the 1960s. And factoring in the intermarriage that has produced non-Jews with Jewish names and Jews with non-Jewish names, "What's in a name?" has became a game that: Jew-haters can no longer win.

America has had a senator-presidential candidate named Goldwater, and secretaries of defense named Weinberger, and one Cohen. None were Jewish Indeed, less than 40 out of 500 Kissingers in the US are Jews.

On the other hand, no bigotwould single out Emily Knickle from Boston, Jenny Smith from North Carolina, or Michael Harris from Iowa as Jewish, which is what they are.

Not to be discounted were the efforts of the ADL, American Jewish Committee, and other Jewish organizations - along with the NAACP, Urban League, and many progressive segments of the Christian churches who lob bied, educated, marched, and demonstrated, seeking state and federal legislation banning racial and religious discrimination in employment.

Finally, individual Jews refused to take exclusion for an answer. They sought out jobs where Jews had not trodden, and once suc-cessful, made it much more likely that other Jewish aspirants would follow.

That's how and why the State Department got to where it is today. The US is better off for it.

The writer is a political scientist.

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Photography as art

By DAVID BRAUNER

significant part of the work in The Jerusalem Post Photo Archives is selecting which photos to file for posterity. One of the determining tests for "keepers" is: "Does the photograph read?" In other words, is the picture the visual counterpart of a well-written news story or a clear, objective record of the event? If newspaper photo archivists were photography curators, the "intreadable" images might look very dif-ferent, possibly like art.

Art photography and painting share the same great themes: nature, portraits, the nude, still life, and the abstract. The goals are also the same: to go beyond faithful representation, to capture a heightened reality and, perhaps, redefine art itself.

Just as painters will use any means or medium at their disposal to create, photographers too will reach deeply into their bag of tricks (lenses, filters, double negatives, darkroom magic) to pursue their artistic calling.

From its birth, photography has been considered an upstart, an intruder, a threat to art. French poet Charles Baudelaire denounced photography as painting's "mortal

Early photography, particularly portraiture and landscapes, slavishly copied the established formality of fine-art painters. Over the years, a rapprochement developed in the rivalry between the

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older and newer art form. Painter processing. I hoped that the Eugene Delacroix regretted that photography had not been invented earlier and used photographs as visual aids, as did Turner and later Picasso. The impressionists. declared photographer Alfred Stieglitz, "adhere to a style of composition that is strictly photograph-

Avant-garde artist-photographer Man Ray said, "I photograph what I do not wish to paint and paint what I cannot photograph." Pop artist Andy Warhol created a can of Campbell's tomato soup and a portrait of Marilyn Monroe to look exactly like photographs.

In fact, contemporary art switches back and forth between painting and photography. In the essay "Photographic Evangels" in her book On Photography, Susan Sontag goes eveo further, "Painting did not so much turn to abstraction as adopt the camera's eye, becoming telescopic, micro-scopic, and photoscopic in struc-

Our inquiry ioto photographic art would not have been possible before a recent visit to Jerusalem's Mahaneh Yehuda neighborhood. 1 was "on assignment" for our newly formed photo club. The Sabbath was fast approaching, when an old bicycle wheel and bedframe suspended from a high porch arrested y attention.

I framed the picture and released the shutter several times, all in the knowledge that the resulting image would not "read." Throughout the

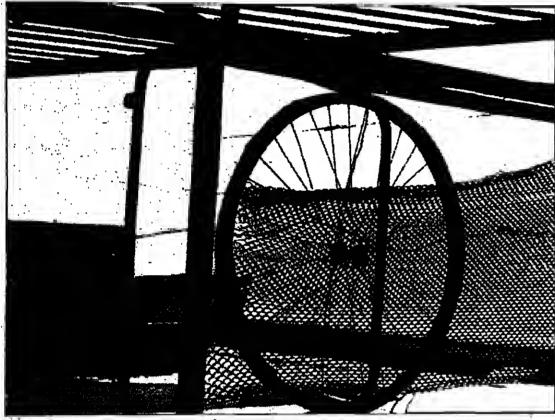
abstraction I saw would translate into a photograph. I think it did.

As a result, though I hardly consider myself an artist, I've consciously decided to seek out abstractions in my photography.
"Like language," again quoting
Sontag's essay, "it [photography] is a medium in which works of art (among other things) are made."

Most of us own and use a camera. The camera is viewed merely as a conduit between the eye and the image. But the same camera that takes snaps of the children or holiday souvenirs or wedding keepsakes can also create works of art. Henri Cartier-Bresson observed that "the discovery of oneself is made concurrently with the discovery of the world around

A photograph of something beautiful (or ugly) is not the same as a beautiful photograph. For the latter, the creative urges have to flow through the eye of camera. One has to "will" the picture to come out. Or as art photographer Garry Winogrand puts it, "I photograph to find out what something will look like photographed."

Taking photographs that ask questions, rather than photographs that give answers, involves a creative "system of visual editing," in the words of photo historian John Szarkowski, "Answer pictures" of the family and holidays belong in albums; images that question the beholder belong in frames and on



Old bicycle wheel suspended from a porch in Jerusalem's Mahaneh Yehuda neighborhood

HEADS 'N TAILS

Don't confuse watchdog with guard dog

By D'YORA BEN SHAUL

have the impression that very few people have any idea of the difference between a watchdog and a guard dog.

L for instance, have a very effective canine companion and she is a watchdog.

What does this mean? It means that no one, absolutely no one, whether buman or animal, can approach the place where we reside without a very definite response from this small dog. She weighs just a little bit less than five kilograms and I seriously doubt if she could win a battle with a strand of cooked

spaghetti.

by surprise by anyone or anything that bappeos within 30

meters of my home. This is a watchdog. A real guard dog is a totally different matter. A guard dog is required to actually prevent the entrance of intruders. This means that it has to be big enough for the job

and trained to do it. But keeping a trained guard dog is a very serious responsibility. A trained guard dog that can and will attack with or without a direct command is the equivalent of keeping a loaded gun beside you and oot always under your direct control.

The real question comes with the matter of intent, need and But despite this, my dog responsibility. Do you really ensures that I can oever be taken oeed a guard dog? Can you take

responsibility for training it? Can you be responsible for it 24 bours a day? Remember that a trained guard dog does not automatically recognize Aunt Ida who turns up unexpectedly or the friend your child brings home.

These are serious questions and they are questions that every person who contemplates the presence of a trained guard dog must answer.

Most people will be well served by a watchdog, a dog of any size or breed that faithfully warns the occupant that there are unauthorized intruders within a certain space.

However, if you still prefer to owo a guard dog then you would be well advised to have good third-party insurance.

Kibbutz moves up a degree

there was a time, not so many decades ago, when a university degree was considered suspect on kibbutz. What would the early pioneers have made, then, of the university-accredited Arava Institute for Environmental Studies, a private teaching and research center, which opened its doors on Kibbutz Ketura last September?

The institute offers a one-year program in environmental studies. which brings together Jewish, Christian and Moslem Middle Eastern students with their Englishspeaking Western counterparts. The goal is to develop a regional per-spective on the environmental problems threatening our corner of the world, by developing a cadre of young scientists and policy-makers on both sides of the border who can work together.

Thirty-two students, including Palestinians, Jordanians and Egyptians, are attending a wide range of courses this semester related to environmental policy, science and ethics. The courses focus on an interdisciplinary approach to environmental issues impacting the Arava desert and the Red Sea around Eilat, a half-hour drive south of Ketura. Some of the issues already being explored are wildlife captive breeding and repatriation. coral preservation, sustainable agriculture and desertification. Students are registered at Tel Aviv University, and receive TAU transcripts for all course work and internships completed through the institute.

Those are the facts. But they don't convey the institute's casual kibbutz atmosphere, radically different from the usual university experience.

The institute's administration is housed in a trailer. The door is open, and students and teachers come and go as they please. Notices are written on a blackboard outside, and may include sign-up for compost collection, or notice of a kibbutz harvest, in addition to the expected class changes or homework additions. Their computer center is in a bomb shelter. Students live in kibbutz housing,

eat in the communal dining hall, and are integrated into the settlement's daily social life. That has proved an eye-opener for Palestinian student Hashem Shahin, a research assistant in the biology lab at Bethlehem University. "When I came here in February, I

thought it would be a settlement filled with people carrying guns," he says. "I had no idea what a kibbutz was. It was a nice surprise."

Shahin and three other Palestinians were meant to begin their studies at Ketura last September, but their entry permits were canceled in the aftermath of the opening of the Western Wall Tunnel exit in Jerusalem. The objective barriers to bring-

ing in Palestinian students are formidable, especially from Gaza," notes Institute academic director Alon Tal, a founder and chair of the Israeli Union for Environmental Defense, who also reaches environmental law and policy at Tel Aviv University. The Foreign Ministry was very helpful, and we turned to some top generals we know."

This semester, the institute's second, there are three Palestinian, four Jordanian and two Egyptian students. Tal notes there were a large number of Jordanian applicants, although fewer Egyptians. "I take my hat off to them all," be remarks. These are people not only concerned about the environment, but willing to brave the stigma of study-ing in Israel. They are putting themselves at personal and professional risk when they cross the border."

Shahin's field work is in microbiology. He is participating in a project at the Yotvata research station on using treated sewage water for crop irrigation, testing the water and produce grown for fecal residue and other contaminants. He hopes the results can be used to help Palestinians farm more effectively.



Tel Aviv University's program in the Arava.

At Kibbutz Ketura, Jewish, Christian and Moslem students from the Middle East are learning how to protect their corner of the world through a new environmental studies program, Sue Fishkoff reports

He will resume his former position at Bethlehem University next year or sooner, if his student visa isn't renewed for the fall semester. Shahin has become very popular in his few mouths on the kibbutz, and has recently begun offering free Arabic classes to kibbutz members.

Yan Shao-Qian ordinarily works as a chemist in the development division of the China Rural Development Technology Center in his native Beijing. Now he helps grow desert-resistant plants in the Institute's experimental farm, hoping to learn lessons he can take back

"We know nothing about kibbutz in China," he says. "There are many new drought- and saline-resistant plants being developed here, some of which could do well in China."

Shao-Qian is on a full-year scholarship at Ketura, the result of last year's visit to Beijing by kibbutz member Dr. Elaine Solowey, a leading expert in alternative desert agriculture, affiliated with the Sde Boker campus at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

Solowey has been running the kibbutz's experimental orchard for more than a decade. She is growing 180 different plants, six of which show "great promise" for commercial cultivation, she says. One of those is the pitaya, a 600- to 800gram cross between a kiwi and a melon, which will be on the market later this summer. Institute students work with her plants as part of classwork, as well as through internship

Although the institute was originally conceived along the lines of American universities' "junior year abroad," for undergraduate credit

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only, it's turned out that many of the students already have undergraduate degrees. Tal says the school is negotiating with institutions ranging from the American University in Cairo to Stanford University in California, trying to develop a masters' degree program whereby stu-

"When I came here I thought it would be a settlement filled with people carrying guns."

> ---Palestinian student Hashem Shahim

dents would spend their first year on Ketura, and their second year at the university that would eventually issue their masters' degree.

Practical environmental work is a big part of the curriculum, Tal notes. This is not a value-neutral program," he states, "It's a program to train environmental activists and policy-makers." Student field projects have included bird conservation, recycling, and protection of the Red Sea.

The work is hands-on, and aimed at improving quality of life for local residents, including the kibbutz community. Students recently started a composting project at Ketura. They handle all the logistics, from collecting garbage door-to-door, to

storing and utilizing the finished

DESPITE ITS emphasis on practical ecological work, the institute does not operate in an ideological void. Kenna has been involved in alternative approaches to Judaism since its founding in 1973, when it became the first non-Onhodox kibbutz in the country to build a syna-

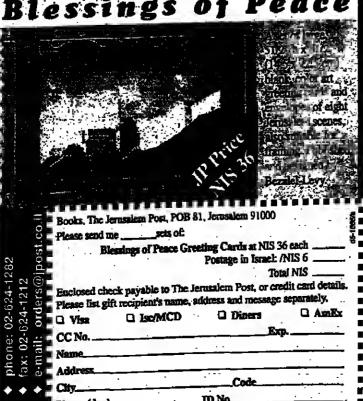
Friday night and holiday services are usually led by kibbutz members - male and female. In 1987, the kibbutz won a \$10,000 Speaker of the Knesset Prize in recognition of its pluralist atmosphere; it used the money to create the Keren Kolot foundatioo, which runs Jewish study programs focusing on the

Not surprisingly, the kibbutz's openness to Jewish tradition has carried over into the institute's curricuhum. Jewish text and traditions relating to the environment form a key part of the academic program, particularly those that stress human responsibility for protecting the nat-

One recent morning, Rabbi Michael Cohen was leading his "Judaism and the Environment" class. Cohen, who is taking a yearlong sabbatical from bis Reconstructionist congregation in Manchester, Vermont, was leading six students through a discussion of the environmental imperative contained in the first six osalms of the Kabbalat Shabbat prayer service.

"There is a notion here that a cosmic order exists, that God can be discovered through Nature," he urges. "It's not humanity versus nature, but one interconnected uni-

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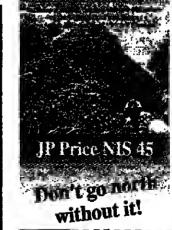


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A Biography of Vladimir (Ze'ev) Jabotinsky by Shmuel Katz

This is the long-awaited English version of the biography of one of the most dramatic figures of 20th century Jewish history - Ze'ev Jabotinsky, founder of Revisionism compalist, novelist, poet, soldier, linguist and outstanding orator. Shmuel Katz has drawn on archival material, unpublished and newly translated letters, and extensive sources for this account of the center of Zionist history in the 1920's and beyond. Katz himself is known as an author and newspaper columnist; he has used newly available archival documentation in this meticulous and commehensive biography, from Odessa, 1880 to VLADIMIR (LETEV) LAROTINS KY New York, 1940. Previously published in Hebrew as JABO. Hardcover, 2 vol., 1856pp.

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NCAA Final Four: Son wants no part of father

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — This taken on the family is all too week, of all weeks, the son wants apparent. no part of the father.

"I'd rather they put nothing behind my name." Mike Bibby

Anything but that." It would be easier to go along with the request if the footsteps he traces were not so distinctive. Or so fresh.

A quarter-century ago. Henry Bihby was the point guard on a UCLA team that won three straight national championships. Last night, Mike was the point guard on an Arizona team with a chance to claim its first. Look at film of either one playing and no matter how much faster the game has become, you can see the other. Small wonder the names are fastened once more like an echo: The qualities they share on a basketball court - toughness, leadership, poise, imagination - are nearly as seamless as the physical resem-

But Mike is quick to say that's all they share.

Or are likely to share.

Ever. "My father," the 18-year-old freshman has said in more than one interview, "is not part of my life." This week, of all weeks, those few words cut 46-year-old

Henry Bibby deeply.
He finally has the joh he so desperately wanted. But as his bitter divorce from Virginia Bibby drags into a second year, the toll it has

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As basketball coach at Southern Cal, Henry is guaranteed two games against Mike and his Arizona team in Pac-10 Conference play each season. That is pretty much the level of their

NCAA on TV Final Four Arizona – North Carolina Kentucky – Minnesota Super Channel, Tuesday: 4:30

Father and son almost never talk to each other. They have agreed not to talk about each other during Final Four weekend.

"I'm happy for Mike," Henry Bihby said. "Playing in the Final Four is an experience of a life-

The statement does not go on to ay that it can be the experience of a lifetime not just for players, but for their mothers and fathers, too. Even fathers who knew how the limelight felt before they had kids. Who can forget TV cameras capturing the thrills one-time pro stars Calvin Hill and Doug Collins got watching sons Grant and Chris, respectively, propel Duke down the road toward the Final Four?

Henry Bibby could bave known that exhilaration - and more. How many times did those same TV cameras settle on Georgia coach Tubby Smith this season, his face a mixture of pride and anxiety watching son G.G. trying to guide the Bulldogs deeper into the tournament? "It's funny he wound up playing for me now,"
Smith said, "because I never
coached G.G. at any level until

"Why? You move your family around a lot, and the job doesn't leave you much time, ... Sure, G.G. was exposed to basketball. We had a boop in the back yard. But I never told him, 'Go out and shoot 300 jump shots,' or whatever. You encourage him, naturally.

But the love he has for the game, Smith added, "he bad to come by that on his own." That held true for Mike Bibby. His father was around the game,

just never around the house. Henry played nine NBA seasons, then briefly in the CBA as a player-coach, and theo he landed a job as an assistant at Arizona State. But his coaching career was

barely under way when the school

got into trouble with the NCAA. Heory lost that job and embarked on a coaching odyssey that took him away from home for longer and longer stretches. He worked in the CBA, the USBL, Puerto Rico, Venezuela - anywhere he could stay near basketball and draw a paycheck. One day he stopped going home at all.

Back in Phoenix, Virginia raised the couple's four kids. When Mike blossomed into one of the nation's best high school prospects, everyone assumed it was the pedigree. Mike didn't deny it - until early in his junior year, when he got tired of making up stories about wby bis father was not there to see him play.
"Ever since then," Virginia said,

"he has said the same thing. I think it's a relief for him. Until then, we had always protected Henry. I think it took a weight off Mike's shoulders." Up until then, the son needed the father. Now the father needs the son. There is a cruel sort

of justice to that. For the last 20 years, Henry Bibby was too busy trying to build big-time basketball program to call home. Now, the kid who could help him accomplish it won't even pick up the phone.

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Enjoyable trip

Kevin Keegan takes a tumble on the digital sprint track at the launch of the Science and Sport exhibition at London's Science Museum. At the exhibit, which opened on Friday, visitors can experience the thrill of Grand Prix racing, tee off down a digital fairway and even experience the joy - or devastation - of a penalty shootout through computerized simulators.

Bullets maneuver for last Eastern Conference playoff spot

LANDOVER, Md (AP) - Chris Webber made his first seven shots and had 24 points and 10 rebounds as the Washington Bullets beat the outmanned Toronto Raptors 113-86 Friday night for their most lopsided victory of the season.

Washington opened the game with a 17-2 run and won for the seventh time in eight games. The Bullets, who have won three straight, moved within one game of eighth-place Cleveland for the final Eastern Conference playoff berth.

Juwan Howard added 22 points and Rod Strickland 17 for the Bullets (35-35), who reached 500 for the first time since January 31,

when they were 22-22. Washington, which bas 12 games remaining, is trying to make the playoffs for the first time in nine seasons.

Doug Christie scored 17 and Damon Stoudamire 14 for Toronto, which has lost five straight games.

Pistous 113, Clippers 85 Joe Dumars scored 26 points and Lindsey Hunter added 25 as

host Detroit broke out of a slnmp. The will was just the second in six games for Detroit, which gained a game on the New York Knicks in the fight for the Eastern Conference's third playoff position. The Clippers lost for the second night in a row and the fourth straight time on the road.

Grant Hill added 21 points and 10 rebounds for Detroit, while Loy Vaught and Brent Barry Ied the Clippers with 14 each.

76ers 113, Celtics 105 Jerry Stackhouse scored 25 points as bost Philadelphia kept Boston winless against Atlantic Division opponents.

The Celtics fell to 0-21 against Atlantic foes with three games remaining in their division. No NBA team has ever gone an eotire season without beating a division

Stackhouse was one of seven 76ers who scored in double figwes. Lucious Harris had a careerhigh 19 points; Alleo lverson had 18 points and 10 assists: Derrick Coleman bad 12 points, 14 rebounds and eight assists; Clarence Weatherspoon scored 17 points; and Mark Davis and Scott

Williams each had 10 points. Antoine Walker had a careerhigh 37 points and 13 rebounds for-

Heat 83, Cavaliers 79 Nets 92, Knicks 86 P. J. Brown had 12 first-quarter points to help host Miami build a 29-point lead, and his free throw Jim Jackson scored 20 of his season-high 29 points after Patrick with 1.7 seconds left clinched the Ewing left with an injury in the Heat's eighth straight victory. third quarter and New Jersey ral-Alonzo Mourning paced Miami lied from 1 l-point deficit to win at

with 23 points and 12 rebounds, but he wasn't around at the end after being ejected for arguing a flagrant foul with 1:49 left.

Williams under the basket. The 76ers won 113-105.

It was the Nets' second victory

New York dropped 3½ games

New York was in control until

early in the third quarter when

Ewing pulled the tricep muscle in

his left arm after apparently catch-

ing it in the shirt of Nets center

Eric Montross with New York

Jackson scored 11 points the rest of the quarter to spark a 20-4 spurt that put the Nets ahead 72-67 after

New York never caught up io the

over the Knicks in 12 days.

Division.

ahead 54-45.

three quarters.

HERO SANDWICH - Philadelphia's Scott Williams (1) and Derrick Coleman pressure Boston's Eric

behind Miami in the Atlantic The Heat shot just 3-for-18 in the final period as Cleveland outscored them 19-9. Chris Mills scored 23 for Cleveland, and Vitaly Potapenko added 16. including 10 in the fourth quarter. Pacers 116, Hornets 115

Reggie Miller fueled a fourthquarter rally and Fred Hoiberg finished it with a 3-pointer with 1.6 seconds left, giving Indiana a road

Miller, beld under 20 points in three of Indiana's previous four games, attempted 10 3-pointers

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and tied his own club record by making eight. Jazz 101, Bucks 96

Karl Malone scored 31 points, Jeff Hornacek had 25 and Utah scored its final 11 points from the foul line in a bome win. Greg Ostertag grabbed 18 rebounds and scored all seven of

his points in the fourth quarter. Suns 122, Warriors 115 (OT) Rex Chapman scored seven of his 18 points in overtime for host Phoenix.

Kevio Johoson had a seasonhigh 38 points and 13 assists and Wesley Person hit seven of Phoenix's 10 3-point goals. The Suns won their fifth in a row.

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Yankees go for repeat

NEW YORK (AP) - The New York Yankees will receive their World Series rings next week, raise a Rivera's shoes, a chore that will be left to Graeme new championship banner over their famed ballpark in the Bronx the next, and put closure to their magi-

Then they'll try to repeat it.

That will be easier said than done since last year was unlike any other in the club's storied history. There were the remarkable comeback stories of David Cone, Dwight Gooden and Darryl Strawberry; the playoff rallies against Texas; the three straight wins in the ALCS at Baltimore; and the unlikely win over Atlanta in the World Series, just to name a few.

All that and manager Joe Torre fulfilling a 30-year dream by finally getting to a World Series. And doing so while his older brother, Frank, waited for a heart It was truly a storybook season, probably a once-in-

a-lifetime experience. But that won't make the Yankees any less a target as defending world champi-

"People get red in their eyes when they see the pin-stripes coming," says Torre. "Now that we have a flag hanging over our heads, they really want us. I'd like to believe we still have that work ethic and you can't assume anything is going to bappen. You have to make it happen. General manager Bob Watson thinks the Yankees will. 'We're the team to beat," he said. "If we're healthy.

I'll take my chances with the Yankees any day. Look We're a year older and more experienced. We've

been through a tough season last year." And an equally tough off-season. Like every other team, the Yankees underwent

some significant changes this winter. World Series MVP John Wetteland, who had 43 saves last year as the team's closer, is now with Texas and starter Jimmy Key is in Baltimore. Part-time catcher Jim Leyritz, who hit the game-

tying and Series-saving home run in Game 5 against the Braves, was traded to California. Wetteland's departure leaves Mariano Rivera, last

year's setup man and baseball's most dominant righthanded pitcher io '96, in charge of protecting ninth-His resume shows be's suited for the job. The 27-

year-old held right-handed hitters to a .157 average and struck out 130 in 107% innings last season. "Mo used to be out closer in the eighth inning, now

he's our closer in the ninth," said Yankees pitching

Coulthard in Brazil: I can't

repeat my Melbourne win-

SAO PAULO (Reuter) - David Coulthard celebrated his 26th

birthday on a cautious note by predicting he could not repeat his sea son-opening victory in Melbourne in today's Brazilian Grand Plax:

"My target is to try to finish in the points again, if I can," he said.
"And that is realistic.
"You only have to see how well the Williams qualified in

Melbourne to realize that they are a class ahead of the rest of us

so long as they stay on the road.

And you can't expect then to thop our every needike that so it is

obviously going to be much more difficult.

Couldhard, who flew into sweltering Sao Panlo last week after a tiree-day holiday on a tropical island up the coast, hopes he can score well enough to hang on to his lead in the world drivers chann-

pioship. That would be nice. he said. To be in the points in every race is my realistic larger this year.

coach Mel Stottletnyre.

Lloyd, David Weathers, Mike Stanton, Jeff Nelson and others to accomplish.

New York's starting pitching is deep as any team's in baseball, excluding, of course, the Atlanta Braves, and the Yankees staff looked strong all spring. Cone altered his delivery and is coming more over

the top than in recent years. He's got more pop in his fastball, and more importantly, he's entering the season healthy following the career-threatening scare be got when doctors found an aneurysm is his right arm His dramatic return last September was an emo-

tional lift for the Yankees, who were in a tailspin at the time. It was also another sign that it was destined to be special year one for the club. Cone will start the Yankees' opener in Seattle on Tuesday.

"He's the leader of our pitching staff and should get that privilege," Torre said. "Guys look forward to seeing him and they rally around him." Pettitte, the Cy Young runnerup last year after winning 21 games, will follow Cone in the rotation with David Wells, Gooden and Kenny Rogers rounding out the starting

All five starters bave 15-win potential, with Cone and Pettitte certain to flirt with 20-victory seasons. "You're always reluctant to say you'll win 20 games." Cone said. "But with our offense, I have the potential to win a lot of games." New York's lineup is stacked, and its bench is baseball's deepest.

Torre selected future Hall of Famer Wade Boggs as his starting third baseman, although steady backup Charlie Hayes will get plenty of time. Second baseman Mariano Rivera won't win any Gold Gloves, but his .340 batting average makes up for his defensive faults. Luis Sojo can play either second or short and Pat Kelly, limited to 13 games last year because of a shoulder injury, could stay on as a utility player. Catcher Joe Girardi was praised by Torre for his handling of the pitching staff last season, while hitting .294.

Bernie Williams is the best all-around center fielder in the AL oot named Griffey and right fielder Paul O'Neill has finally recovered from that nagging hamstring injury. Darryl Strawberry appears to have won the starting left field job over Tim Raines, who could

Torre has the luxury of batting AL rookie of the year Derek Jeter, who hit .314 last season, anywhere from leadoff to No. 9 and can use either right-handed hitting Cecil Fielder or the rejuvenated Strawberry as

Barcelona star Ronaldo's road may lead to Rome

ROME (Reuter) - Barcelona's world player of the year, Ronaldo, looks to be heading to Rome, according to Italian newspaper reports last Thursday.

The Brazilian, who has already scored 23 goals in the Spanish league this season, has heeo given permissioo to meet Sergio Cragnotti, the owner of Serie A club Lazio, the day after Barcelona's European Cup Winners' Cup semifinal against Fiorentina on April 24.

The possible move has been given the blessing of the Italian media and, it would appear, Ronaldo's sponsors.

"Ronaldo-Lazio, another yes," declared the Corriere dello Sport newspaper in a front page beadline, reporting that his main sponsor Nike had said it would not

object to him moving to the mid-table "All roads lead to Lazio..." read a photo

Friday's results: New Jersey 92, New York 86; Philadelphia 113, Boston 105; Washington 113, Toronto 86; Detroit 113, L.A. Clippers 85; Miami 83, Cleveland 79; Indiana 116, Charlotte 115; Utah 101, Milwaukee 96; Phoenix

122, Golden State 115 (OT); Portland 115, Vancouver 81; Seattle 92,

Thursday's results: Chicago 96, Toronto 83; Atlanta 103, L.A. Clippers 88; Houston 107, Cleveland 89; San Antonio 97, Orlando 93; L.A. Lakers 102,

The headline was "Ronaldo, we're here." Tuttosport meanwhile printed a photo-montage of the player wearing a Lazio strip oext 10 a team line-op showing the Brazilian aloog with Sampdoria veteran Roberto Mancini, another player who has been linked with a move to

However, newspapers bave also pointed ont that the terms of Lazio's current sponsorship deal with Umbro, rivals of Nike, could scupper any deal.

The speculation has been growing since Ronaldo declared last Monday that the 1974, seem more open to the idea.

"door is opeo" for him to leave Barcelona

at the end of the season.
"I would like to stay here but I'm a professional and I must choose what is best for me. Circumstances could make me go, said Ronaldo whose representatives are pushing Barcelona further improvements to an already lucrative contract.

Rooaldo, signed from Dutch side PSV Eindhoveo for a then world-record fee of \$17.4 millioo in the close season, said he felt he had a right to negotiate with other

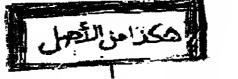
Juventus and Milan, the two wealthiest clubs in Italy, have reportedly balked at

"April will be the decisive month," said Cragnotti whose holding company Cirio, a well-known food processor, has busi-

ness interests in Brazil. And, while Cragnotti wants to continue the off-field cluh-huilding by listing for the cluh oo the bourse, club president Dioo Zoff is determined to relive the glory days on the field.

Zoff is acting coach at the momeot after the dismissal of the Czech Zdenek Zeman.

However, for next season they appear to have lured Sampdoria's Swedish coach Sven-Goran Eriksson from under the the cost of bringing Rooaldo to Italy but nose of English club Blackburn Rovers Lazio, who last won the Italian league in and perhaps they will now steal Ronaldo away from Barcelona



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israel lose to USA by 7 wickets

Israel's Paul Smith (1) fails to catch USA's Fioud Bacchus's deflection during their International Cricket Council Trophy match in Knala Lumpur, Malaysia yesterday. Bacchus scored an unbeaten 33 as the USA heat Israel by seven wickets. Scores: Israel 105 all out in 47 overs; USA 108/3 in 24.1 overs. Israel face Gibraltar today in the final match.

No. 1-to-be Hingis tops Seles; Bruguera upsets Sampras

KEY BISCAYNE (AP) — Martina Hingis needed just 44 minutes to beat Monica Seles 6-2, 6-1 yesterday and win the women's title et the Lipton

Hingis kept Seles on the run and out of position from the start, winning the opening set in 19 minotes. Seles was hurt by six double faults, and the timing of her groundstrokes was repeatedly disrupted by the variety of Hingis'

The result had no bearing on this week's computer rankings.

Win or lose, the 16-year-old Hingis was assured of becoming the youngest No. 1 player in history of the WTA Tour tomorrow. Steffi Graf, who missed Lipton

with a knee injury, will fall from first to second in the rankings. Hingis improved to 26-0 this year. She won her fifth tournament

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title and to exceed the \$1 million ranked Muster, made it an allmark for the year. Seles was playing in her first tournament this year since suffering a broken finger in December,

Thomas Muster will complete a comeback when he plays Sergi Bruguera of Spaio in the men's final today.

Bruguera advanced by upsetting Pete Sampras 5-7, 7-6(7-2), 6-4 in Friday's semifinals. The top-ranked Sampras, off to the fastest start of his career, lost

for only the second time in 22 matches this year, Thirty minutes after the defeat.

he slumped in a chair and stared at the ceiling. 'On hardcourt, it's a match I should win nine times out of 10,"

he said. Bruguera became the first Spaniard to reach a men's final in the Lipton. His opponent, second-

European final by beating Jim Courier 6-3, 6-4. The pairing ends a streak: USA

meo had won the past seven Lipton titles.

Until this year, Muster had advanced beyond the third round at Key Biscayne only once - when be beat Yannick Noah in the 1989 semifinals, then missed the final because of an accident with a drunken driver that nearly ended his career.

"This is the justice I've been waiting for," said Muster. Bruguera, a two-time French Open champion ranked 35th, has never won a title before April, when the elay-court season Mexico, Fowler marked his sixth absence of the injured Alan begins. He bas never won a tournament in the USA.

"He played pretty eggressive," Sampras said. "I'm the one that should be setting the tone."

England beat Mexico in soccer friendly

WEMBLEY (AP) - Robbie before some 48,00 fans. Fowler's up-and-down week ended on a high with his first goal for England yesterday in a 2-0 friendly vietory over Mexico.

The Liverpool striker, scorer of 28 goals for his cloh this season, received bigh praise from FIFA Tuesday for his sportsmanship for trying to persuade a referee he hadn't been fouled for a penalty

during a vital league game.
Two days later he was fined by-UEFA for displaying a T-shirt sup-porting striking dockworkers while he was playing to a European Cup Winners Cup match.

In exhibition play against game in international colors by heading his first goal in the 55th about 10 shoot when Pardo swept minute with his team already a away his legs and Portuguese ref-

Gordie Howe's comeback

Mexico, rival to the USA in trying to gain places in the World Cup from the CONCACAF area. fielded its strongest available lineup, the 11 that started its last qual-

ifying game against Costa Rica.
Teddy Sheringham fired
England ahead from the penalty spot in the 18th minute after good approach work by Newcastle's Robert Lee.

Lee's pass to Sheringham split the Mexican defense and, although the Spurs striker was tackled by Pavel Pardo, the ball ran to the supporting Paul Ince.
The Inter Milan midfielder, cap-

tain of the England team in the Shearer and Tony Adams, was goal ahead at Wembley to give eree Vitor Melo Perreira pointed England a comfortable victory to the spot.

hoping to fulfill my dream of playing in a sixth

Howe, regarded hy many to be the greatest play-

His career, which spanned an unprecedented 32

Howe is second all-time to Wayne Gretzky with

The 1996-97 season commemorates the 50th

"We have been overwhelmed and touched by

er in the history of the sport, retired from the NHL

seasons, began with the Detroit Red Wings in 1946

and lasted long enough for him to skate with his sons Mark and Marty as teammates.

801 career NHL goals. Combining his years in the

World Hockey Association, Howe has scored 1.071

anniversary of Howe's first pro contract in 1946-

the tremendous show of support from fans across

North America who believe Gordie can make a

return to professional bockey at the age of 69,"

that Mr. Hockey will someday have the opportuni-

ty to set a record for playing in six decades if he

"It's not going to happen Tuesday, hut we know

decade at some future date."

goals and amassed 2,589 points.

in 1980 at the age of 52.

respective qualifying matches today and tomorrow. The national

squad - which already arrived without injured central defender Gadi Brumer who is suffering from a persistent ankle injury -may also have to face Luxembourg in the World Cup European Group 5 qualifier without captains Tal Banin and Nir Klinger.

THE national and under-21

squads arrived in Luxembourg on

Friday afternoon and immediately begon preparations for their

Banin has just recovered from injury and coach Shlomo Scharf is worried about his match fitness. Veteran captain Klinger, who has been overlooked in favor of younger players in most of Israel's recent matches, is also oot a certainty for the opening lineop, although Scharf has not yet made any final decisions about the squad in general. If neither Banin or Klinger open, Eli Obana will

gave it a maximum 12 points from

four games in Group Eight and an

18-0 goals tally after shatout vic-

tories over Lithuania, Iceland,

Macedooia and now Liechtenstein, which has e 2-29 goal differ-

Russia remained unbeaten in

The Russians lead the standings with eight points from five gemes but can be overtaken tomorrow by Israel, which is a

point behind and visits last-place Luxembourg.

Group Five efter a 1-1 rie at Cyprus, the goals coming within 60 seconds of each other in the

wear the captain's armband. The under-21 side plays its Luxembourg counterparts in their European Championship qualifier

It's Kfar Sava vs. Beersheba in State Cup last-8

Popescu's four

lifts Romania

Russia, atop World Cup Group

Five, can be overtaken if

Israel win tomorrow

LONDON (AP) - Barcelona over soccer minnow Liechtenstein

ential.

first half.

Banin still doubtful

for Luxembourg

defender Gheorghe Popescu hit four goals in Romania's 8-0 romp

over Liechtenstein hut Portugal

again couldn't hit the target in a 0-

0 tie with Northern Ireland in World Cup qualifying action yes-

Scotland didn't concede a goal for the 13th game out of 14 when it downed Estonie 2-0 to move

points clear atop Group Four. The Scots now have 11 points

from five games and lead Austria (seven from three) and Sweden

(six from four). Scotland can open up a seven-point lead by downing

Aostria at home on Wednesday. Romania's one-sided victory

Hapoel Kfar Sava clinched the final State Cup quarterfinal berth yes-terday after a 2-0 win over Hapoel Taiba in Unn el Fahm.

The quarterfinal draw made on Friday has made for a potentially thrilling semifical doubleheader which will be held in the National Stadium, Ramat Gan on May 13.

The quarterfinals, to be held on April 15 will see Betar Jerusalem host Hapoel Beil She'an, Bnei Yebude are at bome to Maccabi Haifa, Kfar Sava will travel to the Negev to meet Hapoel Beersheba, and Maccabi will play host to Hapoel in the big Tel Aviv derby.

There is a possible double-header in store, as Boei Yehuda-Maccabi Haifa and the Tel Aviv derby is likely to attract a near-full house. In yesterday's Second Divisioo 24th-round action, Hapoel Ashkelon continue to rule with a 2-0 away win over Ness Ziona. With the top spot now almost assured, the battle for the second promotion spot to the National League is hotting up with three clubs looking to be the main contenders. Ironi Ashdod are in second place with 45 points, Maccabi Netanya are in

SECOND DIVISION: Maccabi Acre 2, Betar Tel Aviv 0; Maccabi Kirvat Gat I, Ironi Ashdod 3; Hapoel Hadera I, Hakoah Ramat Gan 2; Maccabi Yevne I, Hapoel Bat Yam 0; Ness Ziona 0, Hapoel Ashkelon 2; Hapoel Ramat Gan 0, Hapoel Kiryat Shmona 0; Hapoel Ashdod 1, Maccabi Netanya 2; Maccabi Jaffa I, Maccabi Kafr Kana 0.

third with 42 and Hakoah Ramat Gan are fourth with 39 points.

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Red Wings defeat slumping Sabres

DETROIT (AP) - Larry Murphy scored 3:10 into overtime Friday night, giving the Detroit Red Wings a 2-1 win over the slumping Buffalo Sabres.

Murphy's winning goal came on a shot from the right point just inside the blue line. It deflected off goalie Steve Shields' right pad and went between his legs, extending Detroit's home unbeaten streak to

eight (7-0-1). Shields stopped 39 shots, hut Buffalo still fell to 1-4 since All-Star goalie Dominik Hasek suffered a broken rib.

Red Wing goalie Mike Vernon, who earned his 300th career win Wednesday in a overtime game against Colorado, made 21 saves. Mighty Ducks 4, Blackbawks 3

Mike Leclerc, playing in his first NHL game, and Paul Kariya each had a goal and an assist as visiting Anaheim attempts to capture a playoff position in the

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Western Conference. J.J. Daigneault and Brian Bellows also scored for Anaheim, which is 3-0 against Chicago. The Ducks have a 75-72 lead in points over Chicago and moved into

sixth place in the Western Conference. . Sharks 4, Oilers 3 Owen Nolan and Darren

Turcotte each scored two goals, leading San Jose to a home win. For San Jose, it was a rare win over Oilers goalteoder Curtis Joseph, who entered the game with an 18-2 lifetime record against the Sharks.

Friday's results: Detroit 2, Buffalo I; Anaheim 4, Chicago 3; San Jose 4, Edmonton 3.

Thursday's results: N.Y. Islanders 6. Boston 3; New Jersey 4, N.Y. Rangers 0; Hartford 5, Tampa Bay 2; Ottawa 3, Florida 2; St. Louis 2, Los Angeles I; Toronto 1, Phoenix I.

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attempt canceled SYRACUSE (Reuter) - The comeback attempt of bockey icon Gordie Howe at the age of 69 was

put on hold Thursdey, the American Hockey League Syracuse Crunch said. Howe, who turns 69 tomorrow, had hoped to play for the Crunch Tuesday against the Carolina

Monarchs - an outing that would have made the man they call Mr. Hockey the only professional ice bockey player to play in six consecutive decades.

The comeback attempt, however, was put off by the Crunch due to their current slump.

"Based on everything that has happened with the team, we feel it is best to cancel Gordie's attempt to make sports history," Crunch president Howard Dolgon said.

"The fact that the team has woo only twice in its last 18 games putting a once sure playoff position in jeopardy is the reason we have reached this decision. Our team's playoff position will come down to the last few games of the season."

Howe said he was "deeply disappointed" about not being able to play Tuesday. "I will however be in Syracuse to support the Crunch and help in anyway I can to make this team better. I am still . continues to be healthy and fit."

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China sets rules against dumping

BEIJING (Reuter) - Cbina yesterday published a list of antidumping rules to protect local companies from unfair foreign

Chinese economists said the rules would help domestic companies, many of them targets of similar dumping claims overseas, protect their share of the domestic markeı.

They also said the move appeared to be aimed at giving a legal framework to protection from unfair competition and clarifying procedures for its use.

"Many Chinese companies are unable to compete in the face of unfair trade practices," economist Cheng Xiusheng of the State Council (cabinet) Development Research Center told Reuters.

"Many other countries have imposed anti-dumping duties against Chinese products and China needs a system to regulate its own market and protect its companies," he said.

The rules, published in the official People's Daily, give the govemment the right to determine whether imported goods are aided by official subsidies and impose anti-dumping duties on foreign goods. Cash guarantees can be demanded to ensure payment,

Prices in the exporting country or third countries will be used to determine a fair price for goods in dispute and set a countervailing

The rules also provide guidelines for domestic companies to file complaints about unfair competition and set a maximum length of 12 months for an investigation. Special cases are allowed to take 18 months.

The rules also empower the state to take retaliatory measures against countries that impose "dis- - the clashes and workers returned to criminatory" countervailing duties: the Clabecq plant seven kilometers: against Chinese goods.

Beijing's official media have said the dumping of foreign goods on the domestic market had cost China some 10 billion yuan (\$1.2 billion) a year and had caused the

Many domestic manufacturers were pressuring the government to take steps to offset these policies, newspapers have said.

Other economists said China is trying to codify the protection of its industries and bring its trade policies more in line with international practice.

They added that as China seeks to join the World Trade Organization it is being forced to make its polices more transparent.

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Rising interest rates come as surprise to Wall Street

NEW YORK (AP) - One way or another, a market analyst at A.G. Edwards and Sons in remember that however preoccupied investors interest rates are going up, and stock prices are likely to fall. This shouldn't come as a shock to anyone who follows Wall Street, but for some reason, a lot of people seem surprised.

No one was taken aback this past week when

the Federal Reserve pushed short-term interest rates a quarter of a percentage point bigher — actually, a lot of people were probably relieved,

knowing an increase was inevitable. But Thursday, a lot of jaws fell open and "sell" buttons were pushed, because it looked like interest rates would go up agaio.

What's really interesting is that many economists have believed for some time that Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan, if he follows his past practice, can be expected to nodge rates higher several times over the course of the

In 1994, the Fed under Greenspan's leadership doubled the federal funds rate, the interest banks charge one another on overnight loans, from 3 percent to 6 percent in seven incre-

Even before the Fed's move this past week, Salomon Brothers Inc. economists predicted that after an initial 25 basis point increase (economists' way of saying 25 percentage point), "An additional 25-50 basis points may be tacked on over the next few months." And as the market fell Thursday, Anthony O'Bryan, St. Louis, said, "I think the consensus is it will. get one or two more rate increases before the year is over." So why did the Dow Jones indus-trial average fall 140 points, and the Standard and Poor's 500 index drop 16?

"Some folks were living in Never-Never Land," said David Shulman, chief market strategist at Salomon Brothers Inc.

William M. Lefevre, senior market analyst at Ehrenkrantz King Nussbaum, said the market

was overreacting.

A big sell signal Thursday came when the yield on the Treasury's 30-year bond crossed the dreaded 7 percent threshold. But panicky stock traders might actually see
— if they look closer — something positive in
that apparent calamity. Rising market interest

rates have the same effect as a Fed increase they filter through the rest of the economy and can have a chilling effect on business activity. So if rising market rates do the trick, the Fed doesn't need to restrict credit further. The bond market, in a self-fulfilling prophecy of sorts. will have brought about the outcome it feared. And stock traders, who fear rising interest rates will depress earnings and make bonds more attractive than equities, will bave already sent

So, maybe the worst that could happen is already bappening? But it's important to

seem with interest rates, other factors, including some that have little to do with the economy, also drive the market. Edward Nicoski, a market analyst with Piper.

Jaffray Inc., attributed some of Thursday's big losses to "window dressing," the portfolio adjustments made at the end of each quarter. And Lefevre ooted that in a week or so, the flood of first-quarter earnings reports will

oo Wall Street. They ought to be pretty good," Lefevre said, and predicted that the results wouldn't show a surge in inflation, the biggest source of interest rate jitters. So the results may help move stocks

begin. They most certainly will have an impact

Despite falling 140.11 Thursday, the Dow average ended the week down only 64.20, at 6,740.59. Thursday's fail was the blue chips'

The S and P 500 index fell 16.62 Thursday to 773.88, and had a drop of 10.22 for the week. The New York Stock Exchange's composite index was off 7.94 Thursday to 407.43, a decline of 5.37 for the week. The American Stock Exchange's composite fell 5.17 Thursday and 13.32 for the week, ending at 577.90.

And the Nasdaq composite was down 19.57 Thursday and 4.56 for the week, closing at

US fourth-quarter growth slightly below expectations

WASHINGTON (Reuter) - The US economy expanded a bit less briskly in the final quarter last year than previously thought, the Commerce Department said on Friday, but still entered 1997 on a

buoyant note.
In a second and final revision of gross domestic product for the three months from October through December, Commerce said national output expanded at a 3.8 percent annual rate during the quarter instead of 3.9 percent as it estimated a month ago.

The final revised figure for fourth-quarter GDP was a tad below forecasts offered by Wall Street economists, who had expected it to be revised up slightly to a 4.0 percent rate of growth instead

GDP measures the value of all goods and services produced by workers and capital within US bor-

The amended fourth-quarter GDP estimate "was more than accounted for by a downward revision to consumer spending on services, primarily to medical care services, reflecting new hospital data for November," Commerce

Most economists anticipate that during the first quarter, which ends tomorrow, GDP growth will slow modestly, to around a 3 percent rate of expansion. But an official estimate of first-quarter performance will not be available for another month.

The economy, now in a seventh year of unbroken expansion from the last recession in 1990-91, clearly retained abundant momentum at the end of last year.

Earlier this week, the Federal Reserve nudged up short-term interest rates by a quarter percentage point, concerned that demand was so strong it risked firing up potential inflation.

Consumer spending, which fuels two-thirds of national economic activity, grew at a \$39 billion annual rate in the final quarter. That was revised down from a \$39.8b. estimate made a month ago but was far and away above the third quarter's \$5.9b. rate of increase.

The economy had softened slightly in last year's third quarter. growing at a 2.1 percent rate before speeding up in the fourth quarter to begin this year at a robust pace.

25 hurt as Belgian steelworkers clash with police

BRUSSELS (Reuter) - Twentyfive people were injured, one of them seriously, when nearly 1,000 workers from the bankrupt Belgian steel maker Forges de Clabecq clashed with riot police on Friday during an impromptu protest Police said 17 gendarmes and

eight protesters were injured in the 30-minute clash. It was unclear whether the seriously injured person was a policeman or a demonstrator. Seven police trucks, two water cannon and a personnel carrier were either wrecked or damaged as workers driving two bulldozers and brandishing iron bars tried to block the E19 motorway to Paris.

Police turned water cannon on the workers, fired tear gas and baton-charged them.

The demonstration broke up after away. A new mass meeting is planned at the factory on Tuesday morning. "It is not over," union organizer Roberto D'Orazio said, Clabecq workers have staged

try was declared bankrupt in

On Friday their numbers were swelled by colleagues from French carmaker Renault's plant at Vilvoorde, near Brussels.

Renault said last month it would close the profitable Vilvoorde plant in July, with the loss of 3,100 jobs, and transfer the work to plants in France and Spain.

Renault workers from all three countries have also staged protests in Belgium and France.



Workers at the Belgian Clabecq mill attack riot police with sticks during a demonstration on the Brussels-Paris highway on Friday. (AP)

S. Korea arrests Hanbo chairman

SEOUL (Reuter) - South Korean prosecutors on Friday arrested the chairman of the stricken Hanbo Group, whose steelmaking flagship collapsed in January, a prosecution official said. "Mr. Chung Bo-keuo was arrested and taken

to the Youngdungpo prison," he said. Chung was taken into custody after being questioned at the prosecutors' office. Prosecutors have accused Chung of pocketing about 37 billion won (\$41 million) from

Hanbo Group funds. Hanbo, with 22 affiliate firms, is South Korea's 14th-biggest industrial conglomerate. Chung's father. Hanbo founder Chung Tae-

soo, is already standing trial along with nine other people in connection with the Hanbo loans scandal that has rocked the nation. He is

in custody at a Seoul prisoo.

Hanbo Steel defaulted on debt repayments after racking up \$5.8 billion in largely unsecured loans.

Prosecutors reopened their probe into the Hanbo scandal last Friday, after the oppositioo attacked an earlier iovestigatioo as a white-

PARIS (Reuter) - French engi-

neering group Alcatel Alsthom

and conglomerate Lagardere said

on Friday they had declared

intentions to bid in the privatiza-

tion of defense electronics firm

The separate bids mark a re-

match of last year's dogfight

between the two groups for

Thomson-CSF and the dashing of

government hopes that the Alcatel and Lagardere chairmen

could come together to consoli-

"Lagardere confirms it is a can-

didate," said a spokesman for

Lagardere Groupe LAGA.,

whose interests span from pub-

and telecommunications group

Alcatel Alsthom said: "I can con-

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wash which failed to bring major players to

Prosecutors said they would seize the Chung family's assets to "end the bad practice of the past when businessmen survived even when their businesses collapsed." On Thursday, prosecutors said they had so far uncovered family assets of 344 billion won, which would be seized because of evidence the family had evaded taxes of 432.7 billion woo.

"The prosecution will set up a separate team to track down the Chung family's hidden wealth," another prosecution official said. Prosecutors have said they boped the latest

steps would help clear suspicions that the government made a secret deal to allow the Chung family to keep its millions.

Hanbo Steel's failure revealed a web of corruption and influence-peddling involving top bankers and politicians that allowed the company to secure loans far in excess of its capaility to repay them.

Kim Dae-jung, leader of the main opposition National Congress for New Politics, on Friday proposed a meeting with President Kim Young-

Alcatel, Lagardere declare bids in Thomson sale

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France currently has three mis-

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three satellite poles - Alcatel,

Aerospatiale, and Matra, two

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- Thomson-CSF and Alcatel, and

two radar makers - Thomson-

CSF and Dassault Electronique.

Thus the government, in its

sale terms and conditions, called

for the biggest possible industri-

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Dassault Industries have filed a

joint candidature for Thomson-

CSF." Sale terms and cooditions,

published oo March 12, set 1100 GMT on March 2g as the dead-

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Analysts view the Thomson-

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The government will declare

Thomson-CSF makes missiles,

sam, who heads the New Korea Party, and leaders of other parties to discuss economic problems created by the Hanbo collapse.

"The leaders need to discuss ways to counter current economic problems," Kim Dae-jung told a news conference. "This is the tragedy of a government-con-

trolled financial system," he said. The meeting would aim to "relieve the public

from anxiety and recover our falling credit internationally." Kim Young-sam immediately responded by agreeing to hold the meeting on The focus will be on stabilizing the econo-

my," a presidential aide said. "Prosecutors and parliament should be left to disclose the truth of the Hanbo case." Parliament began a 45-day special investigation into the Hanbo scandal last Friday.

On Wednesday, prosecutors questioned two bankers in connection with the affair.

On trial with Chung Tae-soo are his chief accountant, a former cabinet minister, three bank executives, three close aides to President Kim Young-sam, and an opposition legislator.

Tcburuk bas said be hopes to agree oo defense deals with GEC

and Daimler-Benz Aerospace AG

of Germany if be woo the prize.

Meanwhile, British Aerospace

Plc bas said it is "standing by to

provide assistance" to a bid from

Lagardere, with which it has the

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Firm and final bids must be

made by May 7, which will be coosidered by the independent

Privatization Commission in the

light of terms and conditions set

The French government did not

announce on Friday the names of

candidates, a finance ministry

spokeswoman said. "It is tradi-

tional that the government never

anounces the filing of candida-

tures," the spokeswoman said.

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If we are to proceed with the peace process, we must find the best methods to obtain an environment of calm, otherwise it will be difficult to do what is necessary." Ross was to brief US President Bill Clinton and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright last night of the results of his talks with Arafat and Netanyahu. Netanyahu told the cabinet on Friday that Arafat had consented to the US demand and promised to take determined action to stop ter-

rorism and other violence. He also stated that the four PA-affiliated offices operating in eastern Jerusalem will be closed. National Infrastructure Minister

Ariel Sharon said the resumption of talks or any other gestures to the Palestinians would be taken as a reward for terrorism.

Mordechai and IDF Chief of General Staff Annon Lipkin-Shahak informed the ministers of additional "unspecific" warnings of possible terrorist attacks. They also reviewed the security forces' deployment in anticipation of more riots in the territories.

If it transpires that Arafat is keeping his promises and taking a firm hand against terrorism, Ross may return to the region within a few days to advance the resumption of negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians, sources said. It is not clear whether Ross raised any new American initiative or ideas to solve the crisis between Israel and the Palestinians so that the peace process can be resumed, or whether Netanyahu's idea of proceeding directly to the permanent settlement was discussed

A senior US official indicated last week that the Americans doubt the chances of advancing the permanent settlement at this point, due to the breakdown of confidence between the two sides.

Meanwhile, Ross's visit to Jerusalem on Friday was considered a failure by Palestinian sources, who said it extracted no agreement from Netanyahu to stop building on Har Homa, their basic condition for renewing talks.

Ross met briefly with chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat after meeting with Arafat in Rabat. but had nothing to offer the Palestinians. Erekat accused Israel of constantly violating the Oslo agreement by building settlements and through other activities. There will be no talks while settlement building continues," he said. In a press conference on returning

to Gaza from a week of diplomatic activity in the Moslem world, Arafat said, "I don't know what happened between him [Ross] and Mr. Netanyahu, but Mr. Netanyahu's orders and decisions are escalaring the situation in the whole area." In Rabat, Arafat had told the

Jerusalem Committee's one-day meeting that the "Judaization of the city of Jerusalem" is a "dangerous"

The PA cabinet and executive

committee met last night in Gaza. after with Information Minister Yasser Abed Rabbo told reporters that, "Netanyahu is responsible for every drop of blood, either of Palestinians or of Israelis. We see no end to this crisis, except by reversing all the decisions of Netanyahu on settlements... The Palestinian leadership considers it useless to have meetings with the Israelis while the policy of settlements con-

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said in an interview broadcast yesterday on Israeli television that Netanyahn's plan to negotiate a settlement with the Palestinians in six months is unreal-

"The ioterim agreement took years and years," he told Channel 2. I can't believe that they will be able to finish in six months." Mubarak said the Palestinians cannot embark on the final status negotiations while Israel continues its Har Homa housing project for Jews in Jenisalem.

Pakistan plans more economic reforms

ISLAMABAD (Reuter) -Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's government said yesterday it planned more economic reform packages in coming months after one on Friday cut several taxes and duties.

Finance Minister Sartaj Aziz told a news conference that Sharif would announce an agricultural revival package on April 3.

Other programs expected in the next few months would revamp and cut back state corporations, reform banking and capital markets-and promote investment, he said.

Aziz said the basic purpose of

the package he unveiled before the National Assembly (the lower house of parliament) on Friday was to revive the economy, which he said had seen a slowdown under tormer prime minister Benazi Bhutto's government.

Though the package had reduced the rates of import tariffs, personal and corporate taxes and a general sales tax, the government expected revenues would increase, he said.

"On the face of it, we have reduced the rates of taxes, but we do not expect much decline in the revenues as a result because of three factors - revival of economic activity, reduction in smuggling . [of foreign goods] and less temptation to evade [taxes]," he said.

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"If these three things happen, we hope the impact on our revenues will be positive rather than negative." The International Monetary. Fund (IMF) welcomed Friday's package, which Aziz said would form the basis of talks with the IMF for an enhanced structural: adjustment loan.

The successful implementation of the government's reform measures accompanying macroeconomic improvements will provide: basis for the adoption of multi-year arrangements under the concessional Enhanced Structural Adjustment Facility (ESAF) and Extended Fund Facility (EFF)," an IMF statement said.

The IMF statement is likely to have a positive impact on Pakistani markets, analysts in Karachi said.

This is very positive news," Anisur Rehman research head at SocGen-Crosby Securities said.

He said the IMF approval of the package was likely to draw foreign portfolio investors who had gone to the sidelines after the fund suspended a standby loan last week after Pakistan failed to meet agreed

targets.
"We have an industry- and export-friendly economic reforms. package, the IMF's approval and the start of an India-Pakistan [peace] dialogue," Rehman said, "All these developments combined are likely to provide a very positive covironment for foreign investors to make their entry.

Analyst Munir Ladha of AKD Securities said a fall in the stock market on Friday should be seen as a "knee-jerk reaction."

He said the index would improve after investors had had a deeper

look into the reforms. The finance minister said he hoped the stock market would respond positively "particularly after a few days."

Due to the Easter holiday weekend, there are no interna-tional stock data.

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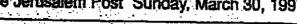
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MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

The Rubin Music and Dance Academy in Jerusalem celebrates its 50th anniversary with a week of ongoing events by local and visiting musicians. Today (4:30 p.m.), at the Wise Auditorium of Hebrew University, Jerusalem, there is a marathon presented by orchestras of six visiting academies from abroad.

A similar marathon with a different program played by different visiting academies takes place at the same time and place on Monday. Yefim Bronfman plays Brahms's First Piano Concerto while Mendi Rodan leads the IPO in Stravinsky's Firebird and Ami Ma'ayani's Sinfoniena on Jewish Themes tonight (7) and tomorrow night (8:30) at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv.

POP

HELEN KAYE

Welsh heart-throb singer Tom Jones, who has made a big-time comeback in recent years, will be making local hearts go pitty-pat with a medley of old favorites and new numbers from his latest release, which is mostly the sound track from Mars Attacks! Tonight the Cinerama in Tel Aviv at 9.

ENGLISH THEATER

HELEN KAYE

Actor Bob Kingdom is back to present another round of his deservedly acclaimed one-man show, Dylan Thomas Return Journey, about the Welsh poet's life and work, and also brings his newest piece, the acerbic Truman Capote Talk Show, about the man whom the Beautiful People adored even as he cut them down! Tonight it's Dylan at the Wix Auditorium, Rehovor, at 8:30.



Mendi Rodan conducts Stravinsky and Ma'ayani.

TELEVISION

ELANA CHIPMAN

Tonight's Dacumentary Bax on Channel 2 at 11:25 takes a look at the growing Israeli phenomenon of pilgrimages to tomb sites in Galilee. Gaod far a Righteaus Man visits the grave of Rabbi Yanatan Ben-Uziel in a valley below Safed which has lately become a popular pilgrimage site with mystical qualities, and meets with various people who arrived there

one misty winter day.

The French Arte Channel (45) is shawing two animated films which use the Japanese origami technique, tonight at 8:30. The first, Peter and the Wolf, tells the popular children's musical story by Prokofiev, and the second accompanies Saint-Saens's Carnival of the Animals. Each film took over a year to produce, with only 14 seconds a day being filmed.

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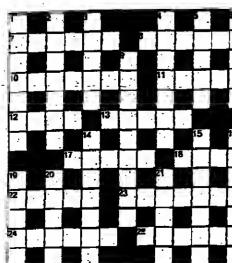
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20:30 Moneywork

21:00 World Report 23:30 Best of Insight

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Sunday - Gregorian chant: excerpts from Easter mass: Charpentier: 3 hymns from Tenebrae; Bach: St Matthew Passion 19:00 21st Century Ensemble - five broadcast from Mishkenot

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21:00 Israel Chamber Orch., cond. Philippe Entremont, soloist Edna Prohnik (alto), Cameri Singers cond. Yuval Ben-Yoezer, Works by G for strings op 111; Schicksalsled for choir and orch op 54; Rhapsody for alto, male choir and orch op 53

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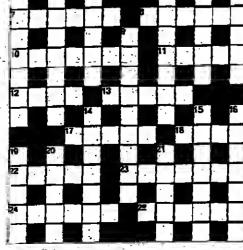
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NEWS

Three babies die of 'crib death'

Three babies, all about four months old, died early Friday morning at different places in the country, apparently from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS).

The first incident occurred at about 3 a.m., when a Magen David Adom ambulance team was summoned to a bome in Netanya to bring an unconscious infant to Laniado Hospital, where doctors failed to revive it. Three bours later, an MDA team was called to a home in Rebovot, where it determined the death of another infant. At the same time, a third infant was declared dead by another MDA team in Beit Sbe'an.

Autopsies are to be performed on all three babies for a final determination of the causes of death.

Herzi Rad released

Herzl Rad, who had been sentenced to a three-year prison term for making contact with Iranian intelligence agents, was released Friday from Ma'asiyahu Prison after serving two years of his term.

Despite the nature of his crime, he was asked to sign a statement promising to perform reserve duty if called. Sources in the Adjutancy Corps, however, said that Rad is not listed in the IDF's manpower database, and that apparently the statement is a standard one that is signed by prisoners who are released early

Upoo his release, Rad said only that he was happy to be out of prison. He refused to comment on his crime, saying 'I want to rest a week, and then maybe I will talk."

Virginia Commonwealth U. exhibit opens

A new exhibition at the Haifa University Art Gallery features works by 11 faculty members of the painting and printmaking department of Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. one of the three largest professional arts schools in the United States. The exhibition, which was opened last night by US cultural attache Dan Screebny and Professor Morris Yarowsky of Virginia Commonwealth University, is part of a cultural exchange that includes a Haifa University art exhibition currently touring the US.

Flatto-Sharon paintings go up in flames

A collection of valuable paintings belonging to businessman Sbmuel Flatto-Sharon was destroyed io a fire that broke out in a storeroom of Tel Aviv's Mann Auditorium on Friday

The paintings, valued at thousands of dollars, were to be displayed in an exhibition organized by Flatto-Sharon, that was due to open later this week. Firefighters said an intitial investigation indicated that the blaze was caused by an electrical

Matza refuses to raise hospital rates

By JUDY STEGEL

Health Minister Yeboshua Matza refused on Friday to sign an order raising hospitalization rates by 10%. In a letter to Finance Minister Dan Meridor, Matza said he was "shocked" to find that the decided to raise rates by that amount, while at the same time increasing income of the health funds (from bealth taxes) by only

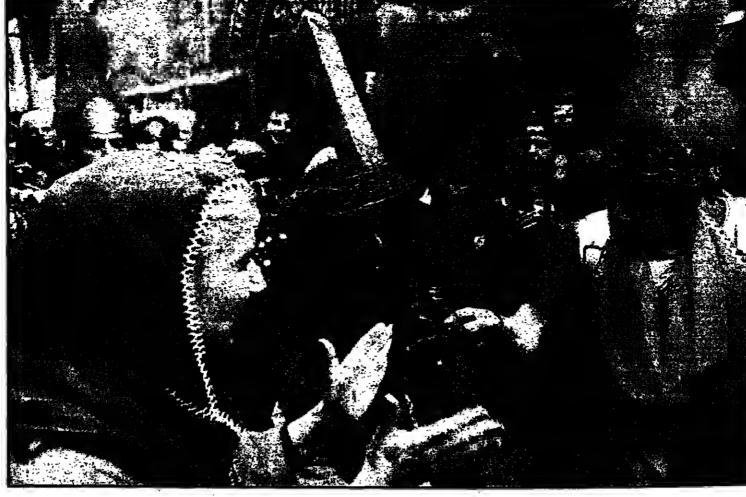
This shortfall would make it impossible for insurers to make ends meet and pay increased costs of bospitalization, Marza wrote. The significance of this gap will

be an increase in the yearly bealth services' deficit of NIS 100 million - coming on top of an existing deficit of nearly NIS 1.5 billion.

Matza said it is impossible for him to sign an order that would raise the per-diem and differential prices for hospitalization - which is ified - while at the same time oot compensating the health funds.

"How do we allow ourself to take such a step despite our awareness of the serious deficits in the health funds?" he asked.

Last week, Matza told the Knesset Finance Committee that unless the government made up the shortfall, the bealth funds would "collapse after Pessah."



Pilgrim actors recreate Jesus's progression along the Via Dolorosa on Friday.

housands mark Good Friday

Thousands of pilgrims from across the globe, some carrying woodeo crosses and others. sioging bymns, walked along the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem's Old City oo Good Friday to retrace the route traditioo says Jesus took to his crucifixioo.

Security was intense, and police with M-16 assault rifles patrolled the route. One policeman stopped a Chilean pilgrim dressed up as a Roman soldier, complete with a tio foil breast plate and knee high leather sandals. The Israeli policeman asked to see the tip of the pilgrim's spear, which turned out to be made from plastic.

Despite the heavy security, the Good Friday procession took place in a festival atmosphere. Members of different congregations wore bats in matching colors to be able to find each other in the throog. A group of about 100 pilgrims from Egypt

wore red baseball caps and chanted Latin bymns, following a leader wbo carried a five-foothigh wooden cross.

"I feel like I'm at a rock coocert," said Jackie Lewis, 20, from Gainesville, Florida. The annual procession began

in the northeastern corner of the Old City, near where the Roman military beadquarters once stood. Tradition says that this was where the Roman procurator, Pontius Pilate, tried and sentenced Jesus before sending him off to crucifixion and forcing bim to carry his own cross.

However, some Bible scholars say it is more likely the trial and seoteocing took place at Herod's Palace at the opposite end of the Old City, and that the "Route of Sorrows" began there.

In other words, for huodreds of years, pilgrims have been going

determined by an accident of and buried.
history, said Jerome Murphy Most pilg O'Connor, a Domioican priest who recently published an article oo the subject in Bible Review, a Washington-based magazine.

Murphy O'Connor, whose study is based in part oo work by other scholars, says the real route Jesus took went from west to east, and never touched the traditional Via Dolorosa.

He said it would make no seose for Pilate - wbo was visiting Jerusalem - to stay at the fortress rather than the more luxurious palace of King Herod. Murphy O'Connor said the tra-

ditional route was part of a tour for visiting pilgrims developed by the Franciscans.

There is little dispute, bowever, that Jesus eoded bis walk with the cross at the site marked today by the Church of the Holy the wrong way.

"The Via Dolorosa bas been believed to bave been crucified

retiree

Most pilgrims in the Old City took the dispute in stride. "I have traveled a few thousand miles, and if I'm off by a couple of feet, that's okay by me," said Alleo Bowers, 60, a

from

Royalston,

Massachusetts. But Barry Essex, 60, of Loodon, said it was "very bard to accept that something that is so traditional and steeped in history over thousands of years is

wrong."
Sbould Christians oow follow
a different path? Palestinian
shopkeepers who sell souvenirs along the Via Dolorosa don't thick so. And even Murphy O'Connor suggested it was better not to tamper with tradition.

"The fact that thousands of pilgrims over thousands of years have prayed here is much more important than what I think," be



Winning cards

The wioning cards in Friday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance drawing were the ace of spades, queen of hearts, ace of diamonds and ace

Report: Jewish in-fighting holding up property return

By Jerusalem Post Staff

In-fighting among Jewish groups could slow the return of lewish communal property confiscated in Poland during World War II, according to a report in this week's editions of US News & World Report.

Polish President Alexander Kwasniewski had been expected to sign a bill before Pessah to return to Jewish control thousands of cemeteries, synagogues, schools and hospitals that belonged to Poland's pre-war Jewish population of about 3 million 115 March 2011 3 million, US News reported. The measure had been negotiated between the Warsaw government and the World Jewish Restitution Organization, beaded by Edgar Bronfman. However, US News said, the

Jewish community of Poland, with fewer than 5,000 people, is refus-ing to honor an agreement with the WJRO. That agreemeot calls for the WJRO and the Polish Federation Jewish Congregations to establish a foundation to coordinate the return of the property. The Polish Federation said it is ready to share the proceeds of the property, but will not cede control of the foundation to the WJRO.

Across Eastern and Central Europe, property restitution in the last five years has been bedeviled by disputes between governments, the WJRO and the local Jewish communities. It bas been difficult to overcome governments' resistaoce to returning property.
Following on the heels of the problem of recouping the property-is the rancorous debate between local and international Jewish groups over who is the legitimate "successor" to pre-war Jewisb communities.

Ministry issues new school rules

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Spare the rod and spoil the child? Not in Israel.

According to a new Education Ministry directive, issued by ministry Director-General Benzion Dell, bad behavior cannot be used as an excuse to reduce a pupil's grade, and physical punishment is definitely not allowed.

In the part of the directive that deals with how to handle discipline problems, teachers are forbidden to use physical punishmeot, verbal abuse or to write down reprimands against pupils. Instead, Dell recommends telling the cipal only after consultation with the grade pupils what their misbehavior was, and asking coordinator, homeroom teacher, teachers and

In the event of ongoing misbehavior or more serious cases, the school is expected to bring the matter to the attention of the pupil's parents. The incidents should be documented, including what actions were taken to deal with the problem.

The directive leaves the punishment up to the teacher or homeroom teacher, grade coordinator or principal, depending on its seriousness.

The most serious punishment - suspension for four days - will be meted out by the prin-

Pupils who are suspended will be required to

make up all the work they miss. But there is bad news for flashy dressers among the nation's pupils: the directive also gives schools permission to set standards for dress, haircuts, make-up, jewelry and even the type of shoes pupils wear to school, This also applies to teachers, whose external appearance should be in keeping with the educational institution," the directive states.

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Swiss Army to help guard Zionism centennial

ZURICH (Reuter) - The Swiss Army will be called in to back up local police guardiog an interna-tional gathering of Jewisb leaders in Basle in Aogust, the govern-ment said last week.

The cabinet agreed to deploy about 730 soldiers to help secure August 31 celebrations marking the 100th anniversary of the First Zionist Congress.
"It is in Switzerland's domestic

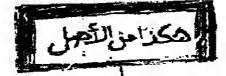
and foreign interests to make sure the ceremonies are carried oot in a dignified way," Defense Minister Adolf Ogi told reporters. Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon is

to stand in for President Ezer Weizman, who cancelled his appearance due to what officials said were scheduling conflicts. Ogi's Department of Military Affairs said the troops could be reinforced by up to several hundred additional men if Basle

aothorities request more forces. The troops will include an air force detachment called into provide helicopters for the police, a ministry spokesman said.

Federal Police chief Urs von

Daeniken was quoted as saying Middle East tensions could give rise to threats to the Zionist courmemoration.



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